

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Volunteers
Memorial Fund

WE readily commend readers' attention to the letter which appears on the back page of this issue relating to the proposed Hongkong Volunteer Memorial Fund.

The proposal which the Committee have in mind is a permanent memorial dedicated to the Colony's own armed and auxiliary forces who died in the defence of Hongkong in 1941. The memorial is for the Volunteers—the men and women of Hongkong who added lustre to the name of the Colony by their superb gallantry and selflessness during the Japanese assault.

There is already, as the letter reminds, monuments and memorials in existence here which commemorate the sacrifices of hundreds of men associated with the Colony not only in the last war, but in World War I. But the memory of the men and women of Hongkong who gave their lives in the defence of Hongkong has as yet no permanent shrine.

THE Hongkong Volunteer Memorial Fund Committee is a widely representative one and we believe that its efforts to raise a tangible and visible memorial will meet with the approval of the community.

The suggestion is that the memorial should take the form of a Garden of Remembrance, with a suitable edifice, situated in the centre of the city. And that if public response to the appeal for funds realises expectations, it will also be possible to associate the memorial with an official welfare scheme.

This is a praiseworthy idea. Apart from fulfilling a sentiment and perpetuating the memory of those Hongkong people who died in the December, 1941 campaign, a Garden of Remembrance will help to beautify the city.

World-wide travellers are not unfamiliar with this type of war memorial. Two Gardens of Remembrance which are extremely well known are those in Adelaide, South Australia, and in St Helier, Jersey. They are not only beautiful to the eye, but capture fully the meaning and spirit of a war memorial.

IN today's letter which presages a wider public appeal through the Press and Radio, the point is made that an opportunity is being presented to men and women of Hongkong to prove that they possess civic pride as well as an appropriate sense of duty. The proposed memorial could become the most important landmark of the Colony, for ourselves and for visitors. It is a memorial which Hongkong should possess, and it is one with which all sections of the community should be identified.

The appeal, in due course, will be for public donations, and it is one appeal which deserves the widest and most generous response. For, as the sponsors observe, the Garden of Remembrance will not only be a permanent monument to the memory of Hongkong men and women who did not fall in their duty, but will be testimony to the civic pride and sense of duty of which the people of this Colony are conscious today.

CONTROL COMMISSION AN ANACHRONISM

London, Aug. 29. Britain favours the abolition of the Neutral Armistice Control Commission on Korea provided that the abolition was agreed to by all the powers concerned, including the Communists, authoritative sources said here today.

HK SOLDIER GEOLOGIST
MAY MAKE A FORTUNE

German Who "Awarded"
Himself A VC

Edinburgh, Aug. 29. A former German prisoner of war who equipped himself with a phoney name and a fictitious Victoria Cross was sentenced to a year in prison today for fraud.

Werner Robert Schwarz, 32-year-old wartime Luftwaffe airman, was also recommended for deportation at the expiration of his sentence.

A court here was told Schwarz, captured in Italy, escaped from an Egyptian POW camp and later reached Britain in 1947.

He was returned to Germany but came back to Britain in 1952. The next year he bought a car with a phoney cheque using the name Jack Bruce VC — "an unusual declaration for a German POW," commented the prosecution.—China Mail Special.

BOAT CAPSIZES:
3 DROWNED

Saigon, Aug. 29. Three members of a Filipino "Operation Fraternisation" mission were drowned when their boat capsized on a river near Thayninh, 25 miles northeast of here, authorities announced today.

The victims were identified by police as Dr Jose Alejos, Miss Yvonne Campo and Miss Adela Pimentel.

The three Filipinos and two Vietnamese interpreters were en route to Thayninh aboard a small motor-boat to attend a fête given by the Communist political-religious sect on Aug. 27.

The two Vietnamese safely reached the river bank after the boat capsized.

The bodies were recovered yesterday and taken to the Filipino goodwill mission's headquarters here.

Cadral commander in chief Gen. Nguyen Thanh Puong has announced that he will erect a memorial on the bank facing the scene of the accident to commemorate the death of the three Filipinos.

Premier Ngo Dinh Diem who learned about the accident while touring the northern provinces around Hue sent President Magsaysay of the Philippines his condolences.

"The memory of the three members of the Fraternisation Operation will remain deeply engraved in the memory of the Vietnamese people," Diem said.

The bodies of the three victims will be flown aboard a Vietnamese plane to Manila.—United Press.

Who Lost
A Coffin?

London, Aug. 29. Absent-minded Londoners lost an empty coffin, several members of the London Lost Property Office today showed.

In taxis alone, they left 15,000 objects behind. About 7,000 of them were never claimed.

In streets, restaurants and public houses, they lost 84,114 objects. The main things lost are, of course, umbrellas, handbags, and brief cases. But scores of kind-hearted London policemen are now harbouring dogs, cats, monkeys, and birds left behind in a variety of places by their owners.—France-Press.

BACK TO WORK

Hamburg, Aug. 29. More than 13,000 shipyard and engine workers here and in Kassel reported for work today to signal the collapse of West Germany's worst postwar wave of wildcat strikes.—United Press.

Commission has been prevented by the Communists from carrying out the task allotted to it under the Korean armistice agreement, we are glad to see that the Military Armistice Commission has accepted the (Neutral) Commission's proposal for a reduction in its scope. This is a useful first step.—France-Press.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman said, "Since the Neutral Nations Supervisory

Mau Mau Terrorists
Killed

Nairobi, Aug. 29. Security forces killed 48 Mau Mau terrorists and captured another 22 last week in Kenya, an official communique issued today stated.

During the past 24 hours seven more terrorists were killed, three captured and one surrendered.—Reuter.

RAJPUTS POISED
FOR ACTION

Calcutta, Aug. 29. The Indian Army's crack Rajput Regiment was today poised for a full-scale operation against the Naga tribesmen in the Tuensang region of East Assam, on the Burmese frontier.

The Naga people who want an independent status, rejected an Indian Army's ultimatum for unconditional surrender.

The ultimatum expired on Sunday and no news from Tuensang has been received in Calcutta since then.

The latest reports from the Assam capital of Shillong said the Naga tribesmen were reinforcing themselves in three entrenched camps—one on the frontier between India and Burma.

Previous attempts to encircle them failed, when the Naga men withdrew across the frontier into Burma.

Martial law has been declared in certain parts of the Tuensang region, where military rule has been enforced under the direction from the Indian Defence Ministry. The whole civil administration of Tuensang may be handed over to the military authorities, if the situation does not improve, it was believed here.

Indian Premier Mr Jawaharlal Nehru is currently visiting Assam.—France-Press.

Tunis, Aug. 29. Nine members of the French Union armed forces were killed and 11 others wounded in yesterday's clash with armed Tunisian outlaws, it was officially announced here today.

The clash took place in the Bou Ramil area, the announcement said.—France-Press.

Precious Mineral
Estimated
Worth £10 Million

London, Aug. 29.

A 28-year-old British regular soldier who recently discovered deposits of the rare mineral named "Beryl" in Hongkong, is likely to become a millionaire.

Corporal William B. Harries, married to a Chinese girl and living in Hongkong, has been permitted to stake a personal prospector's claim. He has applied to purchase his discharge from the Army.

One vein of Beryl about 100 yards long found by Corporal Harries is estimated to be worth between £250,000 and £1 million.

If, as Corporal Harries has claimed, it extends about 1,300 yards, the value will be some £10 million. And the corporal claims to have discovered six veins in all, some of which are even larger.

This was revealed at a press conference here today by Major George Brewer of the Royal Army Education Corps. Harries studied geology as an amateur under Major Brewer at an army education centre in Hongkong.

FOUND IN DUGOUT

The Major said that the story of the discovery was a combination of pure chance, planning, sometimes dangerous work by Corporal Harries and extremely good luck.

"The vein which I have seen and which may contain £10 million worth of Beryl was found by Corporal Harries in a dugout which had been made by the Japanese as part of their defences during the occupation of the Colony."

"The vein is an amazing one. It is nearly 30 inches wide, whereas the mineral is usually found in veins only four to eight inches thick."

"If Corporal Harries plays his cards right, and doesn't aim too high, I think he should make a fortune."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

House Collapses:
Six Injured

Six persons, including a baby, were injured—two seriously—when the rear portion of No. 255 Hollywood Road collapsed shortly before 5 a.m. today during heavy rain.

The last of the injured, a woman, was rescued shortly before 10 o'clock. Workmen were at once ordered to reinforce the shoring on the rest of the building still standing.

While rescue operations were on, residents of the flats on the ground and first floors left the building as a safety precaution.

All the injured were taken to hospital after they had been dug out of the debris. Much of Hollywood Road was blocked to vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Heading the Police and fire-fighters on the job were Mr W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and Mr George Leys, Divisional Superintendent of Police, Central.

ATOMIC PLANT
STRIKE

London, Aug. 29. The workers building Britain's first electro-atomic station, at Calder Hall (Cumberland), today went on strike after an overtime dispute with their employers.

The 1,000 workers want to work overtime on Sundays at double pay without having to work on Saturday afternoon as well.

The employers have decided that only men working on Saturday afternoon can claim double pay for Sunday work.—France-Press.

UN Disarmament Committee Meets

Anglo-US Views In
Close Alignment

United Nations, N.Y., Aug. 29.

US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., today presented formally to the United Nations Disarmament Committee President Dwight Eisenhower's "peaceful inspection" plan and declared that fool-proof inspection is the "heart of disarmament".

Mr Lodge told the five-nation sub-committee in an opening address that "no nation can afford to cut its strength" until an effective inspection system has been agreed upon. This was a re-affirmation of the long-standing US position on disarmament. He submitted the full text of President Eisenhower's plan for mutual East-West inspection of defence installations as first outlined at Geneva.

British Minister of State Anthony Nutting told the committee that the envisioned control organisation which would implement any disarmament inspection system must "have the right of full information about inspection" of military establishments.

"The simple truth, however unwelcome, is that no machinery of control at present conceived can be 100 per cent effective in ensuring the security of all states against deception and foul play in this nuclear day and age," Mr Nutting told the delegates of the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and Canada.

"The good must be protected against the bad," Mr Nutting declared in setting forth what amounted to be a joint stand with the US on the fundamental principle that disarmament can never be achieved unless fool-proof checks against violation are first set up.

Objectives

Mr Nutting outlined the British objectives in disarmament as the right of inspecting "the following objects of control":

1. Numbers of armed forces and their equipment.
2. Conventional land, sea and air armaments, including certain categories of civilian aircraft and shipping.
3. Military installations, including barracks, ordnance depots, dockyards and airfields.
4. Factories capable of making armaments (including aircraft), explosives and propellants.
5. Nuclear installations and reactors.
6. Plants capable of making chemical and biological weapons.

Methods

He went on to list the need for the eventual disarmament control organ to make use of such methods of supervision and inspection as:

1. Aerial reconnaissance.
2. Inspection on the ground.
3. Budgetary controls.
4. Observation at strategic points.

Mr Nutting's outline indicated close alignment of the US and British views on the disarmament inspection system. President Eisenhower's call for aerial reconnaissance could be, according to American diplomatic sources in advance of today's meeting, combined with some aspects of the Soviet Union's own plan for ground inspection.

Soviet View

The Soviet delegate, Mr Arkady A. Sobolev, chairman of the sub-committee, appealed for the co-operation of all nations as the disarmament question once more came up for debate and then, in presenting Moscow's position, urged adoption of the Soviet disarmament plan advanced last May during the disarmament talks in London.

The Soviet plan in general calls for a complete prohibition on the use and production of nuclear weapons, fixed levels for armed forces of the major powers and its much-argued inspection system which the West has held inadequate.

He went to some length to explain the plan again and said the Soviet Union still considered this "very realistic and practical." He contended the plan takes into account the principal desires of the West.

"It can hardly be denied that at present the lack of necessary confidence in the relations between states constitutes the main obstacle to the implementation of a comprehensive disarmament programme coupled with the establishment of effective international control," Mr Sobolev added.

"In the opinion of the Soviet Government, the main task in the examination of the problem of disarmament consists at

present in the finding of a way to bring the positive of the powers on this issue closer together and in reaching the necessary agreements both on the question of reduction of conventional armaments and on the question of the prohibition of atomic weapons."

The Soviet plan has found little favour with the West thus far because it did not meet the West's views on fool-proof verification of armed strength before any cuts in conventional weapons are ordered and because its system of inspection is not as broad as the West deems necessary.—United Press.

MP's WIFE
ARRESTED

Montreal, Aug. 29. Mrs. Harry Pursey, former Hungarian baroness, wife of British Labour member of Parliament, Commander Harry Pursey, was arrested here today by the Royal Canadian Police on charges of illegally possessing narcotics.

Mrs Pursey was said to have obtained these narcotics through forged medical prescriptions. Last year, she was arrested on suspicion of using counterfeit American dollars but was later acquitted by a Canadian court.—France-Press.

Didn't Like Sea,
Killed Himself

London, Aug. 29. A Pakistani seaman said to have wept all the way from Bombay because he did not like the life at sea, killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed, an inquest jury found here today.

The Pakistani, Iftikhar Gool, 36, a seaman on the S.S. Himalaya, was fatally injured when he jumped from his ship on to the concrete quayside at Tilbury dock near here on Saturday.—China Mail Special.

Cyprus Talks
Begin

London, Aug. 29. Britain, Greece and Turkey today opened a series of talks on Cyprus and Eastern Mediterranean strategic problems.

The first session was devoted entirely to procedural questions, informed sources said. The three delegations were understood to have agreed to maintain secrecy during the conference except for the publication of a daily press communique.

British Foreign Secretary Mr Harold Macmillan is expected to outline his government's point of view in tomorrow's session.

A newsmen, whose nationality has not been identified, slipped past the police and Scotland Yard agents into the opening secret session of the British-Greek-Turkish talks and heard every word of the proceedings. He received the ironic congratulations of Turkish Foreign Minister Fatih Rustu Zorlu, who brought the newsmen's feat to the attention of the public after the session.

It was believed that the reporter may have entered the conference room disguised as a photographer and then, getting rid of his camera, remained unnoticed by mixing with the delegates.—France-Press.

SUCCESSFUL
MERCY FLIGHT

Amsterdam, Aug. 29. A tiny seven-week old Dutch baby who was born with a maimed lung was convalescing today, after lying here from Calcutta in an oxygen tent for a special emergency operation. The baby, Michel Pastoors, probably owed his life to the co-operation of the airline and passengers of various nationalities who abstained from smoking during the mercy flight, because of the oxygen tent in their plane.—France-Press.

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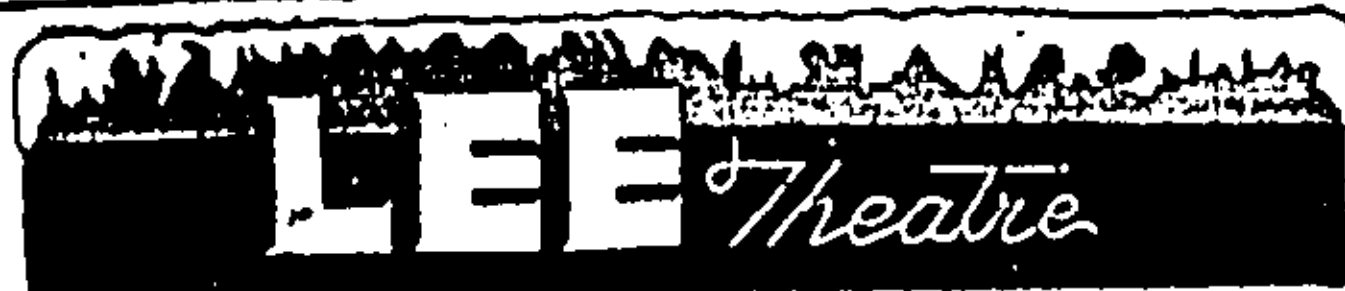
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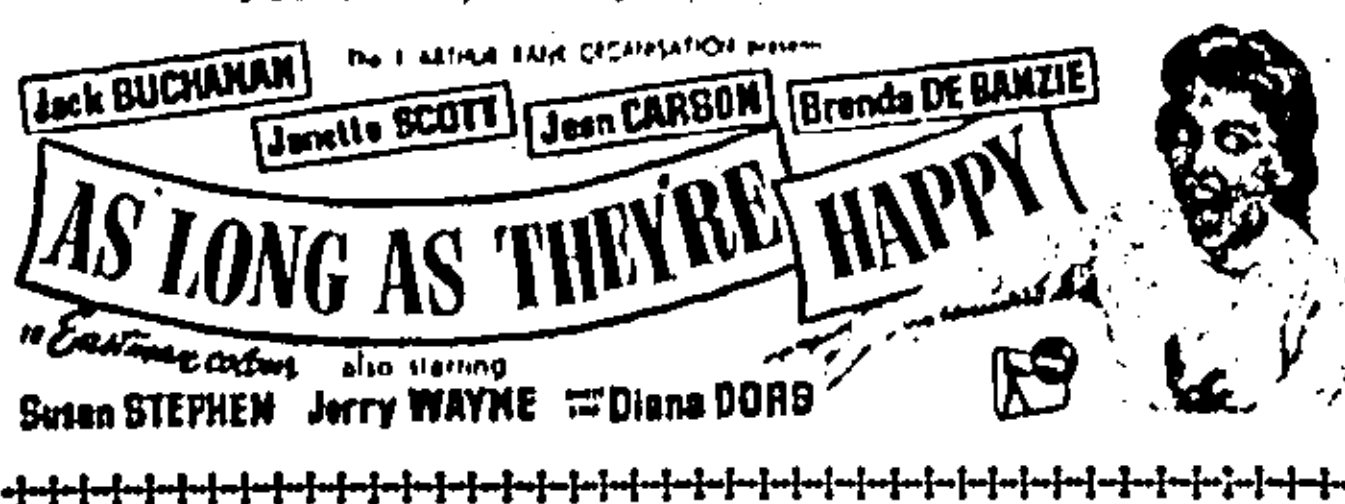
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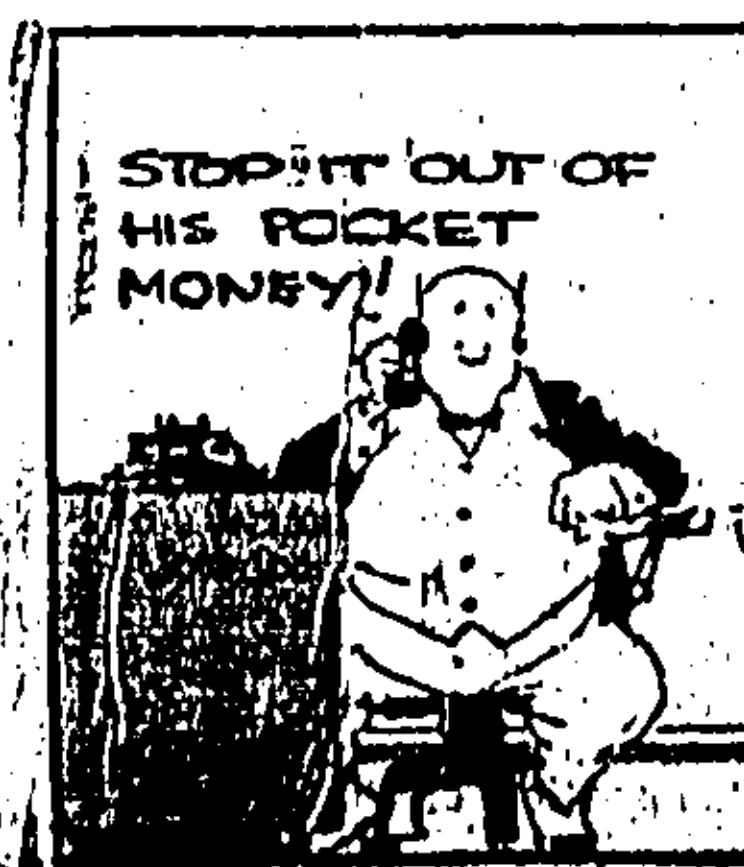
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South Korean Ambassador Says 'No Half Measures'

'ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL'

Demands Expulsion Of Communists In Supervisory Team

Washington, Aug. 29.

The South Korean Ambassador, Mr Y. C. Yang, said today the United Nations command decision to accept a Communist-supported proposal for a more than 50 per cent reduction in the personnel of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, was entirely unacceptable to his Government.

Mr Yang said South Korea's position still was that "the only way to solve the problem is to get them out completely—get rid of the spies, the saboteurs and the murderers."

South Korea has charged that the Polish and Czech members of the four-nation commission, which is supposed to police the armistice, are spies and has demanded their removal from the country.

Mr Yang said: "If you have ten murderers in your living room and only half of them leave, you still have not solved your problem."

Rhee Lifts Ban On Wives And Children

Seoul, Aug. 29.

American dependants will be allowed to live in Korea as from next year for the first time since the outbreak of the Korean war, it was learned today.

Republic of Korea engineers have already started building the first 100 houses in a \$1,500,000 housing project for the families of American and other foreign aid officials.

The new housing area will not be for the use by U.S. Army dependants but reliable sources said the Army definitely had decided to bring the families of its Korean Military Advisory Group to Seoul possibly beginning late next year.

BADLY NEEDED

The badly needed housing for officials directing Korean rehabilitation is expected to be completed by April of next year.

Informed Korean sources said the project was instigated at the direct order of President Syngman Rhee who realised he could not get top-flight American experts to come to Korea unless they were allowed to bring their families. —United Press.

He said the Commission team members "are free to assess anything and everything" and reiterated the frequently-voiced opinion that the Communist members were "spying." The other two nations represented on the Commission are Sweden and Switzerland.

Neutrals' Proposal

The Swiss and Swedes originally proposed a reduction in personnel of the Commission teams and fewer inspection posts in North and South Korea.

The Communists accepted this some time ago, and the U.S. gave its approval last Saturday.

The action came during a lull in demonstrations which the South Koreans have been carrying out in an effort to force removal of the Poles and Czechs from their part of the country.

The U.S. made it clear that while it sympathised with South Korea's position, it was obliged under the armistice to protect the Communist members of the commission. —United Press.

Off On A Singing Tour



The London Secondary Schools Girls' Choir is giving a concert tour in Sweden for two weeks at the invitation of the Youth Peace Society of Stockholm. Picture shows: choir girls leaving County Hall by coach for the trip which will take them through Holland, Germany and Denmark on their way to Stockholm.—London Express Photo.

SOHO'S STILETTO SLASHERS SENT FOR TRIAL

London, Aug. 29.

Jack "Spot" Comer, 42, self-styled "gangster No. 1" and Albert Dimes, 40, were sent for trial at the Old Bailey Central Criminal Court today after a lower magistrate's court had been told of a running stiletto fight through the streets of Soho, London's Latin quarter.

Frightened witnesses, who gave evidence, were permitted to write out their names and addresses. The two men were charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to each other and with being in possession of a knife.

Mr E. G. MacDermott, the prosecutor, said the men had fought in such a way as to cause alarm to peaceable citizens in the neighbourhood.

Comer alias Jack Spot because he claimed to be "on the spot" when trouble breaks out, was alleged to have said: "I want to talk to you Albert!" and then lunged at Dimes with a knife.

Among The Vegetables

Dimes ran into a green-grocer's shop pursued by Comer, who was still brandishing the knife, it was alleged. They struggled in the shop and Dimes got possession of the knife.

"When Comer lost the knife he also seemed to lose his zest for the fight. Dimes with the knife in hand no longer ran away. He went to attack Comer and made several thrusts at his body with the knife in his hand."

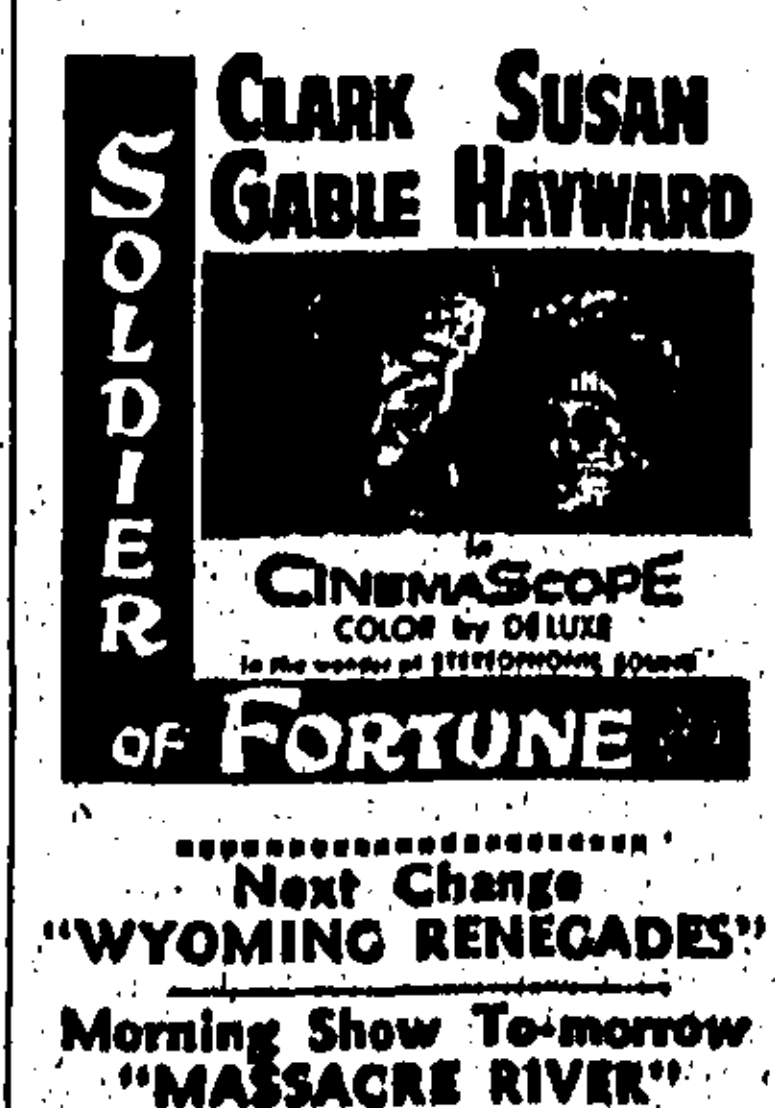
A statement was read to the court in which Dimes is alleged to have said: "Spot looked upon himself as a bit of a gang leader. My impression was that he had some grievance against me, but for the life of me I don't know what it is."

On And Off The Mud In An Hour

Long Beach, Aug. 29. The 10,000-ton freighter Dona Aurora, flying the Philippine flag, ran aground on mud off the Long Beach breakwater in a fog today but tugs pulled her free an hour later. The ship was trying to enter Long Beach harbour. A guard boat was dispatched to stand by, in case she was in danger but it was believed she suffered little if any damage. The ship was from San Francisco, carrying general cargo. The ship was listed as owned by the De La Rama Steamship Company. — United Press.

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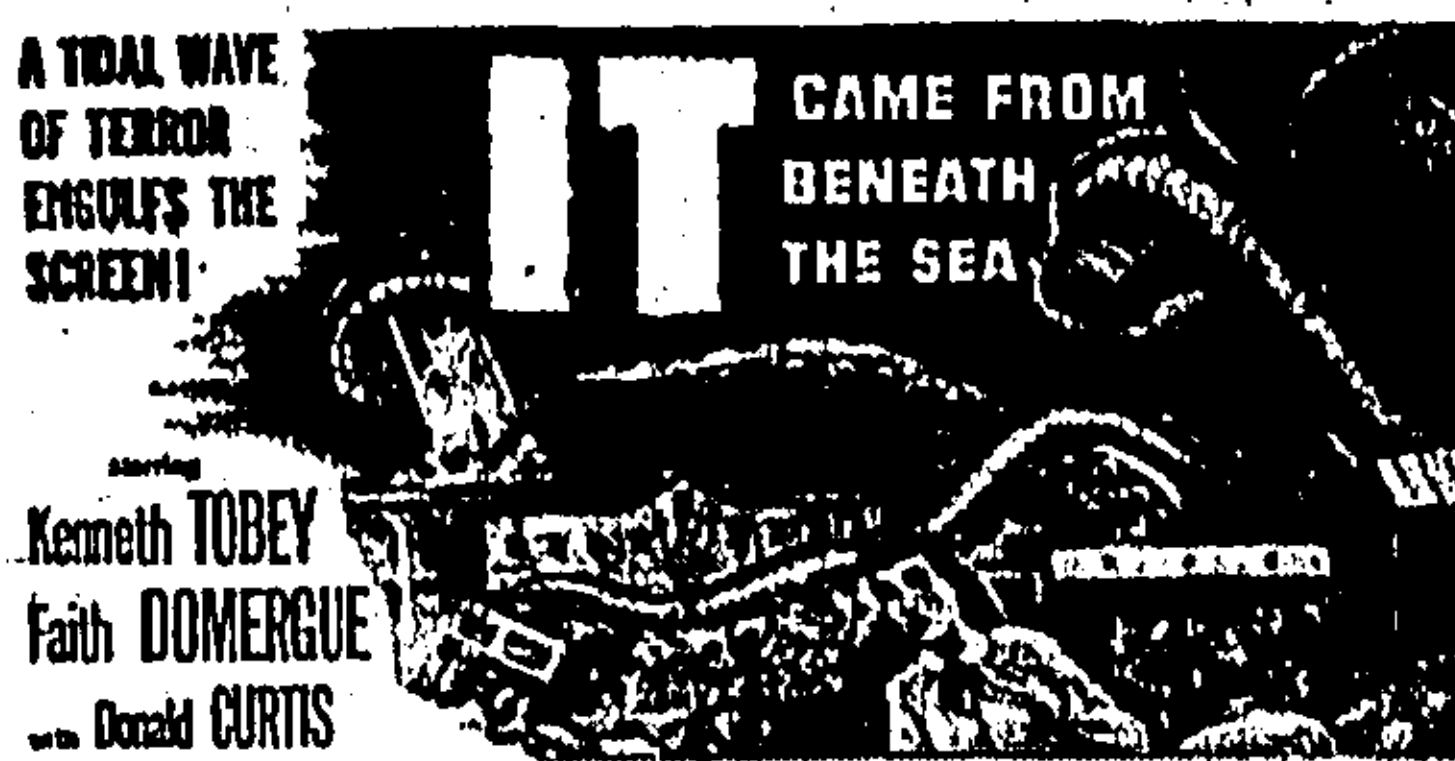
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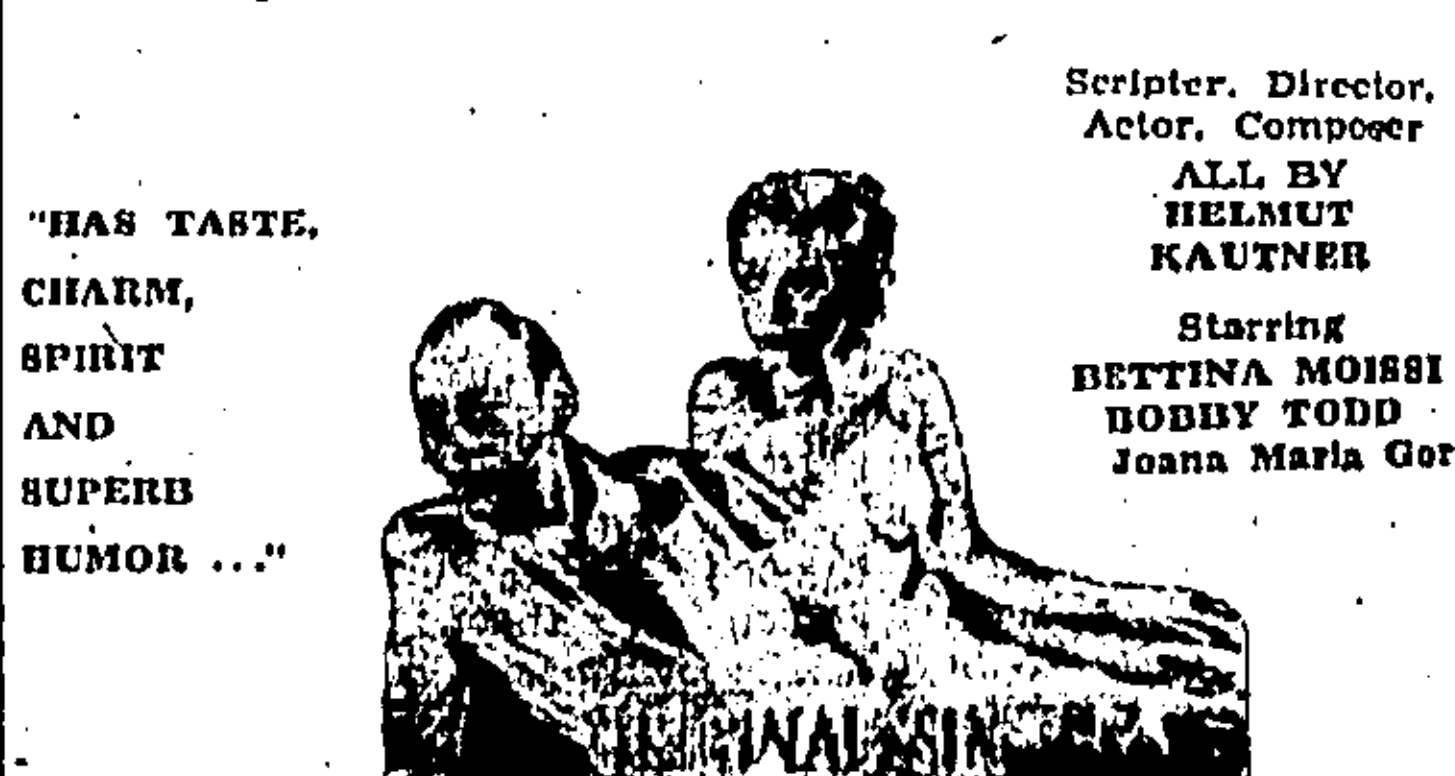
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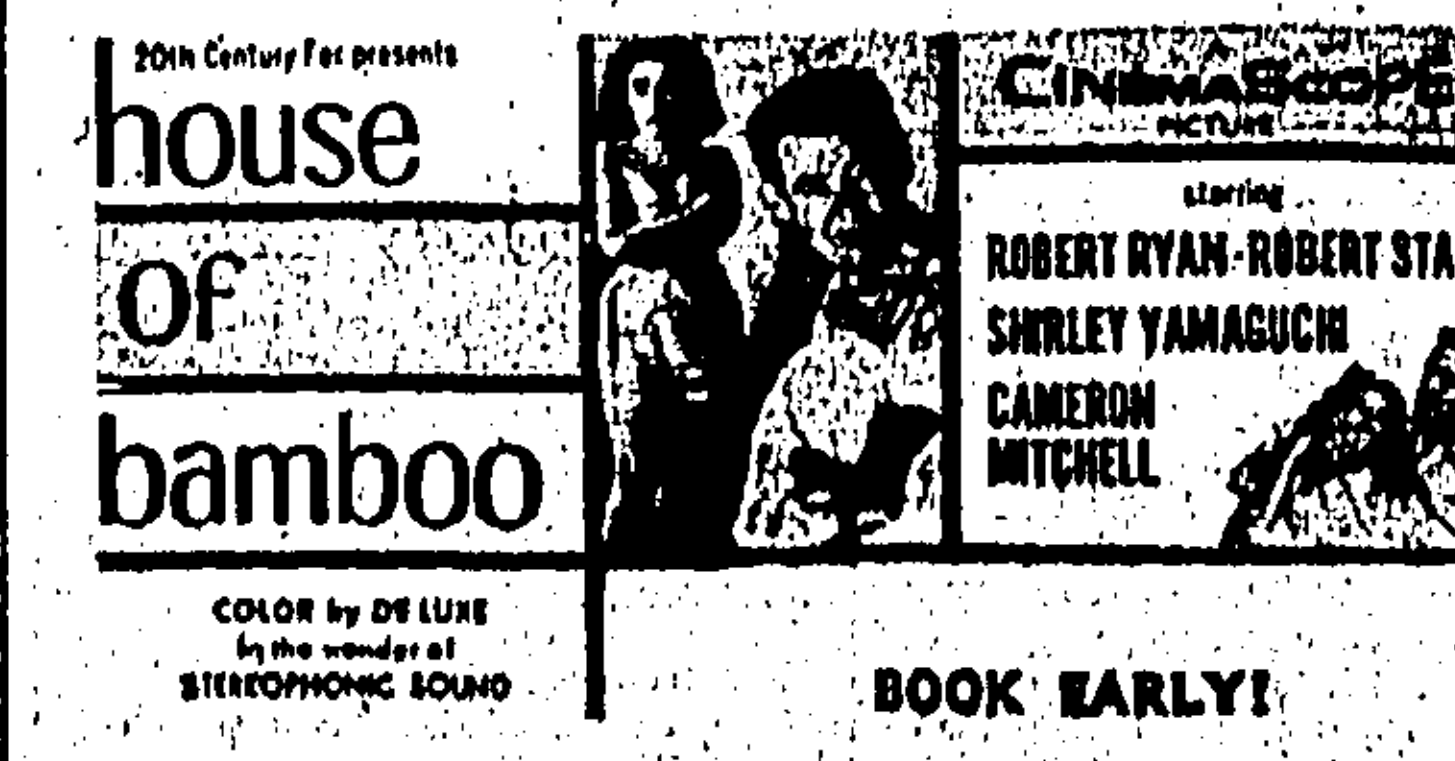


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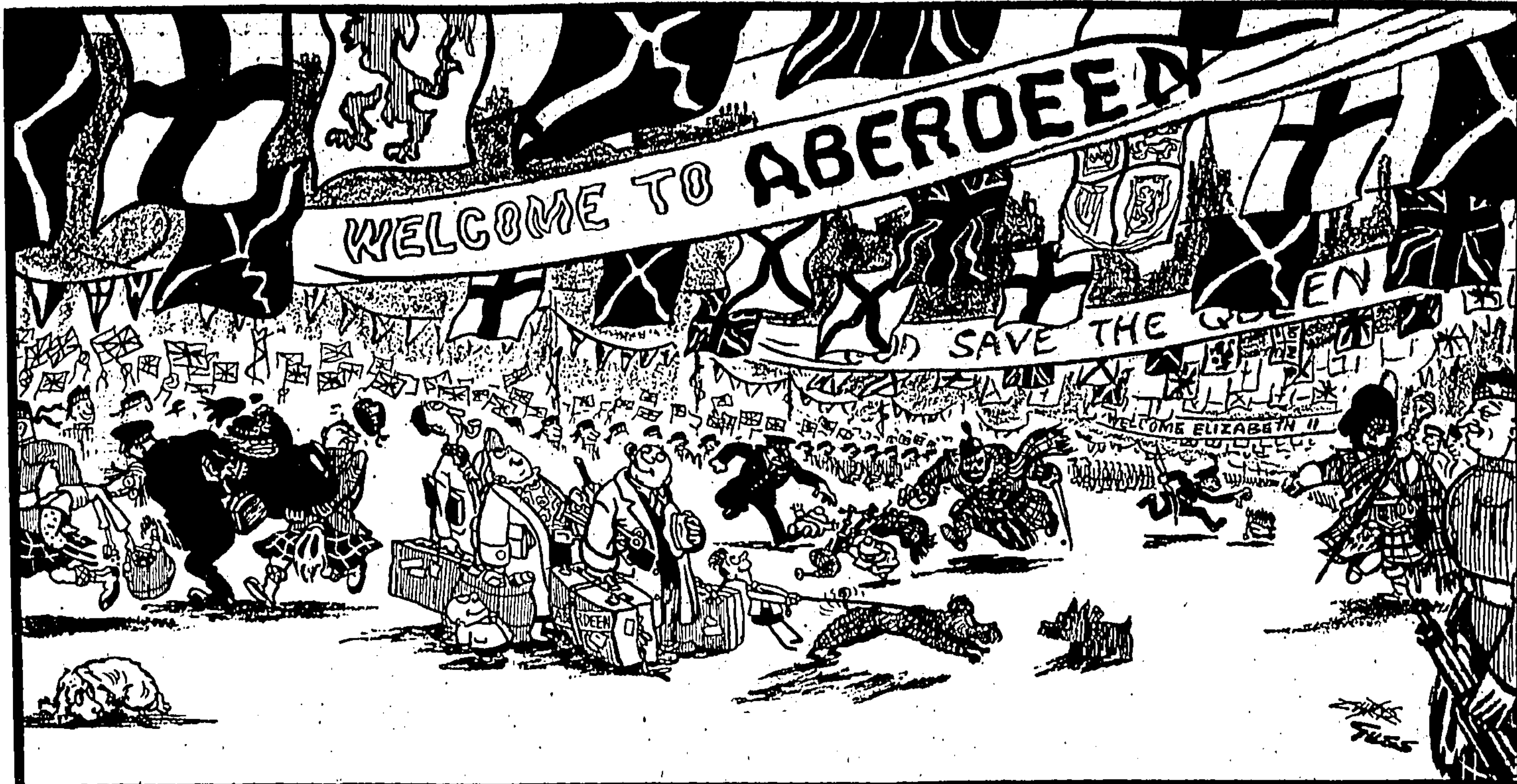
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calmly: "I murdered my
great aunt."

I was about to administer the
usual caution, before making an
arrest, but she added: "That
was 18 years ago, when I was
seven."

I wondered if I were dealing
with a madwoman. I had seen
many of them at the Yard,
where they wasted hours of
precious time detailing their
obsessions.

My visitor smiled. She must
have guessed my thoughts, for
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"I suppose I was a precocious
little girl. For a seven-year-
old, I was too observant and
sensitive, especially where my
mother and father were con-
cerned. I loved my father
dearly.

"We were living in the same
village that we do now. Gradually it dawned on me
that my father was desperately
worried about money. It was
caused by helping a friend gen-
erously but foolishly. My
parents had no idea I knew

LILLIAN WYLES is a pioneer among
L. Wyles. She joined the
Metropolitan Police in 1919 as one
of an experimental batch of 100,
was transferred to the CID in 1922
and remained there until her
retirement in 1949. A Woman At
Scotland Yard, published in 1952,
tells some of her adventures. She
lives in Bloomsbury and devotes her
time to social work among girls
and children.

about this financial embarrass-
ment. Naturally I exaggerated
it out of all proportion.

"One day I overheard a con-
versation between my parents.
"The irony of it, Elizabeth," my
father said, "there is old Aunt
Lavinia ready to fall into her
grave. Just think how useful
her money would be! It almost
makes me feel like putting a
pinch of cyanide in her nightly
glass of toddy to hurry her
along!"

"Mother cried, 'Joe, you
mustn't say such things, not
even in jest.' And father
laughed. He said 'Who says
I'm jesting?'"

"I heard no more, but I had
heard enough to send me into a
fever of terror.

"My great aunt Lavinia, who
lived at the other end of our
village in a pretty house, with

a companion and a maid, was a
very old lady. She was also
very rich, and my father was
her heir. And, of course, she
was a sick woman; indeed, she
never left her bed.

"Aunt Lavinia was fond of
me, and I went to see her every
day. I liked going to see her.
She was always cheery and
ready for a gossip. And this
was the old lady father said he
told like giving a dose of poison
to."

"My father had in his desk a
tiny packet marked with
'Cyanide.' I had been curious,
and had looked up the word in
my dictionary, and I knew it
was a deadly poison.

"Although my parents didn't
know, I was an avid reader of
murder stories. Today, of
course, I know now that father
was joking when he threatened
to poison his aunt, but at the
time his words sounded real
enough. He must be prevented
from doing this dreadful deed.
But how?"

Dark clouds

"I thought and thought. Then
suddenly I solved the problem.
I would poison great-aunt
Lavinia myself.

"The next day was Wednes-
day, and on Wednesday her
companion went into town to
change the library books. As
usual I went to spend the after-
noon with Aunt Lavinia, arriv-
ing as Miss Thompson, the
companion, was leaving, and
the house. She waved cheerily to

me, and for the rest of the
afternoon I sat in my aunt's
bedroom while she told me
stories.

"It had been a very hot day
and as the afternoon wore on it
became hotter and closer. After
tea, Martha, Aunt Lavinia's
maid, came in to say she would
be running along to the farm
for eggs.

"Shan't be long, love," she
said to me. "I'll be back before
the storm breaks. It looks like
we're getting one." She spoke
truly, for the sky was dark and
heavy with clouds.

"After Martha had gone,
Aunt Lavinia said she didn't
like the look of the sky and I
had better run home quickly.
The old lady then gave me the
chance I had been waiting for.

Lemonade

"Get yourself a glass of
lemonade, Christine, and bring
me one as well," she said.

"I hurried into the dining-
room and poured out the two
drinks. Taking from the pocket
of my cotton frock, the little
white packet marked Cyanide,
which I had taken from my
father's desk that morning, I
put a good pinch of the gritty
substance it contained into my
aunt's glass.

"I swirled it round to mix it,
and handed Aunt Lavinia the
glass containing the cyanide.
But she told me to put it on
her bedside table. 'Drink your
lemonade quickly, child,' she
said, and be off or the storm
will catch you."

"I was only too eager to be
gone. I wanted Aunt Lavinia
to die — for father's sake but
I did not want to be with her
when the poison worked. I
gave her what would be her
last kiss, and ran from the
house.

"I had reached the gate when
the storm burst. There was a
vivid flash, followed by the
most dreadful clap of thunder
I have ever heard. I must have
imagined it, but above the roar
of the thunder I thought I heard
my aunt calling my name."

The horror

My visitor signed deeply, and
was silent for some minutes.
She was back in the past, living
over again the horror of that
afternoon. Then she continued:

"I reached home drenched to
the skin, and hysterical with
fright. While the storm raged I
was bathed and put to bed. Left
alone while my mother went
downstairs to heat some soup
for me, I lay trembling wonder-
ing how long it would be before
news came of Aunt Lavinia's
death.

"I never had the soup. I
heard hurried footsteps, then
Martha's agitated voice and
mother's sudden burst of weep-
ing. Aunt Lavinia was dead.

"When they told me I burst
into such wild and uncontrolled
weeping that the whole house-
hold was alarmed. Each time
Aunt Lavinia's name was men-
tioned I sobbed and sobbed, and
after a time it was decided never
to mention her name in my
presence. But I learned that
father inherited her money.
"From that day I have been
haunted by the memory of Aunt



He opened the atlas as he spoke... out fell a small, rather
dirty white packet.

Lavinia. I try to forget what I
did to her, but I cannot. I still
have the packet the cyanide was
in, for I could not bring myself
to destroy it. I rescued it from
the pocket of my soaked dress
on the night my aunt died, took
it to school, and put it in a
book in the bottom of my
desk.

The girl was silent again.
Quietly I asked her, "Why do
you tell me all this now?"

"Last week," she replied,
"the vicar asked me to marry
him. I love him very much, but
I refused. How can I marry
anyone, with a murder on my
conscience?"

For a long time after she left,
I sat pondering over all she had
told me. It all sounded un-
believable. Yet the girl appeared
sane enough.

The atlas

I made a few inquiries and
found that the old lady had died
18 years ago. The cause of
death had been given as heart
failure. She had left a con-
siderable amount of money, but
there did not appear anything
suspicious in the circumstances.

Still, I had promised Christine
to call on her and a few days
later I travelled to her village,
without the smallest idea of
what I was going to say.

We were chatting in the
pretty drawing-room—Christine,
her mother and I. My mind was
not in our conversation. I was
wondering how to tell the girl I
did not believe her story.

The door opened and in
bustled an elderly gentleman.
He was Christine's father, and
he flourished a red book in his
direction.

"Just borrowed this atlas
from your room, Christine," he
said. Turning to me, he went
on, "My wife and I are taking
a cruise and I want to see
exactly where we are bound."

He opened the atlas as he spoke,
and from its pages there fell a
small rather dirty white packet.

Sweet-peas

The old gentleman stopped to
recover the packet and then I
saw Christine's face. It was
deadly white. She sat in her
chair, rigid, her hands gripping
the arms. She gazed at the little
white packet and her eyes held
the most extreme terror I have
ever seen.

Christine's father held the
packet in his hand. He looked
at it curiously, then burst into
a hearty laugh.

"Bless my soul, fancy this
turning up after all these years.
It's my packet of cyanide. How
could it have got into your
atlas?"

"Cyanide?" I asked.
Another booming laugh. "A
packet of sweet-pea seeds," he
explained. "They are blue-
purple in colour, so I christened
them 'Cyanide.' My little joke.
I wonder if they'll grow after
all these years?"

His face grew serious. "It's
eighteen years since I lost these
seeds. I meant to plant them
out the day my old aunt died,
but I couldn't find them any-
where."

He went on reminiscing. "Old
aunt died suddenly. The dread-
ful storm we had that day
finished her. Christine had
gone to have tea with her, and
was just leaving the house when
the storm broke. A neighbour
opposite wrote, 'A neighbour
came to the window calling to
Christine to go back into the
house. She hadn't been out of
her bed for years, and the
exertion of getting up finished
the poor old soul. She collapsed
by the window. The neighbour
rushed over to find Aunt Lavinia
dead.'"

Full glass

Christine moistened her dry
lips. "Daddy," she said, "that
afternoon I gave Aunt Lavinia
some lemonade before I left
her. Do you—do you know if
she—did she drink it?"

"Lemonade?" The old man
wrinkled his brow. "Bless my
soul! Fancy you remembering
that after all this time! Yes,
there was a full glass by her
bedside. She hadn't touched it.
It was so hot that afternoon—
I drank it myself!"

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

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Joan Henry

Did Lavinia's story—the packet
to the vicar, by Arthur Gould Lee
—actually happen? The answer is, I
don't know.

Kiwis Know All The Tricks Of The Trade

By J. C. GRAHAM

Auckland.

The average age of the Kiwi Rugby League team coming to England later this year is only 24. But they are a particularly experienced side and know all the tricks of the trade.

Seven of them were in England on the last tour and only three have never played for New Zealand before.

The oldest player is L. Blanchard, front row forward, aged 33, and the youngest, G. McDonald, also a forward, who is just 21.

On paper the team has some weaknesses. The long series of trials has not found a fullback equal to D. H. White, whose playing career was ended by a serious injury in the now notorious brawl with the touring English team last year.

Now are the inside backs above suspicion. The average weight of the forwards is 14 stone 1½ lbs., half a pound heavier than the last Kiwi team. They make a strong combination, but some critics think they are lacking in resource and versatility.

VETERANS

Chief surprises in the selection are R. Haggie, at fullback, looked on as little more than a club player, and I. Grey, who has been out of form this season.

B. Robertson, T. Baxter, W. Sorenson, G. Menzies, A. Atkinson, W. McLennan and L. Blanchard are all veterans of the last English tour and can be relied on for sound performances.

Most promising of the newcomers are V. Bakulich, a speedy winger who has developed on a elusive sidestep, and R. Percy, who has the makings of a very fast forward. K. Roberts is a strong running and elusive middlefield back of whom more may be heard.

Here are details of the players:

FULLBACKS

R. Moore (Auckland) aged 27, 5 ft. 1 in.; 12 st. 10 lbs.; single; printer.

R. Haggie (Auckland), aged 21; 5 ft. 8 in.; 12 st.; single; storeman.

THREEQUARTERS

L. McNicol (West Coast), aged 24; 5 ft. 11 in.; 12 st. 2 lbs.; single; sawmill.

V. Bakulich (Auckland), aged 20; 5 ft. 9 in.; 12 st. 1 lb.; married; cutter.

R. Hawes (West Coast), aged 20; 6 ft. 1 in.; 13 st. 8 lbs.; married; salesman.

B. Robertson (Auckland), aged 22; 5 ft. 9 in.; 11 st.; single; clerk.

I. McKay (Auckland), aged 23; 5 ft. 8 in.; 12 st. 5 lbs.; married; driver.

N. Denton (Auckland), aged 21; 5 ft. 9 in.; 12 st. 2 lbs.; single; joiner.

FIVE-EIGHTHS

T. O. Baxter (Auckland), aged 26; 5 ft. 8½ in.; 13 st. 3 lbs.; married; plumber.

K. Roberts (Canterbury), aged 23; 5 ft. 10 in.; 11 st. 9 lbs.; married; railway worker.

W. Sorenson (Auckland), aged 23; 5 ft. 11 in.; 13 st. 4 lbs.; married; labourer.

G. Menzies (West Coast), aged 24; 5 ft. 8½ in.; 11 st. 6 lbs.; single; rope splicer.

HALFBACKS

P. Creedie (Canterbury), aged 26; 5 ft. 7 in.; 12 st.; single; tiller.

S. Belsham (Auckland), aged 24; 5 ft. 9½ in.; 10 st. 9 lbs.; single; clerk.

FORWARDS

Back Row:—A. Atkinson (Canterbury), aged 30, 5 ft. 10

ins.; 12 st. 12 lbs.; married; furniture salesman.

I. Grey (Auckland), aged 24; 5 ft. 10 in.; 12 st. 10 lbs.; married; pattern-maker.

Second Row:—G. McDonald (South Auckland), aged 21; 6 ft. 1 in.; 13 st. 12 lbs.; single; timber worker.

J. Riddell (Auckland), aged 25; 6 ft. 13 in.; 9 lbs.; married; carpenter.

R. Percy (Auckland), aged 21; 6 ft. 2 in.; 13 st.; single; timber worker.

Front Row:—W. McLennan (West Coast), aged 27; 6 ft. 1 in.; 15 st. 10 lbs.; married; miner.

J. Bond (Canterbury), aged 23; 6 ft. 1 in.; 14 st. 7 lbs.; single; labourer.

M. Kildally (Canterbury), aged 24; 5 ft. 10 in.; 13 st. 10 lbs.; single; railway worker.

L. Blanchard (Canterbury), aged 33; 5 ft. 9½ in.; 14 st. 4 lbs.; married; contractor.

J. Butterfield (Canterbury), aged 23; 5 ft. 11 in.; 14 st. 7 lbs.; married; labourer.

J. Yates (Auckland), aged 25; 6 ft. 1 in.; 15 st.; single; freezing worker.

H. Maxwell (Auckland) aged 23; 6 ft. 1 in.; 15 st. 7 lbs.; driver. He and Yates are the team's two Maoris.

The team will leave for London by air on August 31, and are due in England early in September. They will arrive fit and with experience in playing together as a team in the Tests against the French side now in New Zealand.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Woolton



FINAL TEST REFLECTIONS

ENGLAND CAN STILL BEAT AUSTRALIA

Says DENNIS HART

Another Test series over and won leaves English cricket where it was six months ago. Then, Len Hutton and his team came back from Australia bringing the Ashes and some problems.

The problems remain. And so, I think, will the Ashes, when Australia comes next year.

Were England so convincing then against South Africa?

Not really. Many, indeed, feel that South Africa lost the series rather than that England won it.

This is not all the story. Both sides missed opportunities.

England won and deservedly, because her players again proved themselves superior on wickets which help the bowler. And the trend in England is toward more and more such pitches.

This year England has enjoyed an unseasonably summer—how else can you describe a heat-wave at Manchester?—and often pitches have favoured batsmen. But such summers are rare.

The Australians are more than likely to run into less settled weather, and trickier pitches.

SAME PROBLEMS

England still has those problems the ones brought back from Australia. She has yet to find a sound pair of opening batsmen, although Brian Close may fill one of the positions.

He has curbed his impulsiveness, yet still makes strokes. England's big need is for a reliable man the other end. How she could use Jackie McGlew.

One bright spot on the horizon is the consistent form of skipper Peter May, the leading batsman of the series this summer.

Against that, however, is the doubt about Denis Compton.

Tom Gravney may be able to take over. He looked the part at the Oval in the second innings. Gravney has looked the part before, then failed to fit it. It does not seem, though, that his hard schooling as an opener is showing results.

There is a big question mark against Colin Cowdrey. A fit and in form Cowdrey, coming in at numbers five, can almost double the batting strength through his own runs and the stability he would give the innings.

And with Frank Tyson and Brian Statham teaming up again England have a bowling spearhead to wreck any innings.

TOGETHER ONLY ONCE

Neither bowler was up to top form this year. But fast men seldom are straight after an Australian tour. And Tyson and Statham are essentially a team. Against South Africa they played together only once.

So I take England's Old Guard to beat Australia, with the help of the wickets.

But when England go to South Africa after the Australian series things may be different.

They aren't likely to get much help from the pitches, and even less from South Africa's batsmen.

The Springboks can go home from England happy in the knowledge that already they have a team to match any in the world on hard wickets. And with their tremendous spirit they may soon be as effective on other pitches.

Some are already. Dapper Jackie McGlew, who twice captained the team to victory, has established himself as the world's No. 1 opening batsman. A neat, determined player he has a shot for every ball, and the courage to play it.

LESSON IN FOOTWORK

John Waite confirmed that he is the best wicket-keeper-batsman in the world. He took a time to settle down with the bat. But at the Oval his 60 on the final day was the best of the match.

May's 89 included, indeed he gave a lesson to many English players in footwork.

Roy McLean was disappointed in the final Test. But what a glorious 142 he scored on the lively Lord's wicket. Many is the bowler's heart that will be broken by his flashing bat.

The batting disappointment was Russell Endean, who, apart from his Old Trafford century, achieved nothing like the results his classic style could have earned.

South Africa made two great discoveries on the tour. First is Trevor Goddard, cricket's "Mr. Perpetual Motion". Goddard, it seems, would be quite happy to bowl throughout one innings, trundling his medium-pace left arm seamers down the leg side, and bat throughout another, with runs not the main object.

In between he is a fine fielder, anywhere.

Only 23 years old, Goddard has it in him to become the world's No. 1 all-rounder.

At present his play is somewhat negative. But this was his first tour and, indeed, his first Test series. He cannot be blamed for feeling his way.

Goddard actually bowled more overs than Hugh Tayfield and finished above him in the bowling averages.

FINEST IN THE GAME

Tayfield, forever tapping his toe, remains the finest off-spinner in the game. A model of accuracy, he makes batsmen think even on the plumpest of wickets.

South Africa's discovery number two was Peter Heine. Another making his first overseas tour, Heine's success came out of the blue. Not included in the team for the first Test, he played his way into the next four and took 21 wickets at just over 22 runs each. He has an easy swinging action and is always hostile.

And like the rest of the party Heine is a grand fielder. All put everything they've got into the game. If they can keep up this spirit when playing at home no far more difficult proposition than when spending over six months together on tour—any team will have to play mighty hard to win there.

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Middlesex Need 307 For Victory Against Springboks At Lords

London, Aug. 29.

Middlesex have a big job on hand at Lord's tomorrow if they hope to beat the South Africans who are playing the last County match of their tour.

After saving the follow-on by three runs this morning, they dismissed the Springboks for 187 and were left to make 334 to win. At the close Middlesex had scored 27 without loss—and now need 307 for victory with one day left to play.

A devastating spell by pace bowler Peter Heine put the tourists in a commanding position but the Springboks batted shakily in their second innings to give Middlesex a chance.

In 12 overs today Heine captured seven Middlesex first innings wickets at a cost of 48 runs and helped South Africa to a lead of 140.

The County were in trouble from the start and with only four added to their Saturday score of 32 their opening partnership was broken when a short-pitched delivery from Heine struck Dewes a glancing blow on the side of the head and he staggered back breaking his wicket with the bat.

Dewes did not open when Middlesex batted again, Edrich opening the innings with Robertson.

SECOND BEST

Heine's performance was his second best of the tour, his best being seven for 55 against Somerset. He claimed the first four Middlesex batsmen—Dewes, Robertson, Edrich and Dellsie—all with bouncers.

Middlesex were all out for 108 having saved the follow-on by three.

The South Africans began their second innings with a lead of 140 but they were not impressive against accurate Middlesex bowling. All the Springboks were uncomfortable against the offspinners of Fred Titmus, who finished with five for 54 and a match analysis of 11 for 110.

When he claimed Cheetham's wicket Titmus established a new bowling record for Middlesex surpassing Albert Trotter's 104 in 1900.

THE SCORE BOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the match between the South African cricketers and Middlesex at Lords today.

Middlesex (overnight 32 for 0): J. D. Robertson, c Fuller, b Heine 44; J. G. Dewes, hit wicket, b Heine 17; W. J. Edrich, c Tayfield, b Heine 110.

D. C. S. Compton, st. D. Dellsie, c Tayfield, b G. P. Dellsie, c Waite, b Heine 0; F. J. Titmus, run out, b Heine 0; H. Tillyer, c Tayfield, b Heine 1; L. Compton, c Waite, b Heine 4; J. J. Warr, b Tayfield 6; J. Young, b Heine 10; A. Moss, not out 0.

Extras 2. Total 108.

Wickets fell at 36, 70, 84, 88, 87, 88, 88, 94, 106.

Bowling

Heine 18.2 3 60 7; Goddard 7 2 13 0; Tayfield 14 3 32 2; Smith 8 2 1 0.

Byes 1, Leg-byes 1.

South Africans Second Innings: W. R. Endean, b Titmus 39; T. L. Goddard, c Edrich, b Warr 0.

C. A. R. Duckworth, b Moss 10; J. H. B. Waite, c and b Titmus 12; R. A. McLean, c Warr, b Young 58; J. E. Cheetham, c Robertson, b Titmus 5; P. L. Winslow, c Compton, b Titmus 0; H. J. Tayfield, not out 10; F. Titmus, c Sub-bowler 10; E. Fuller, c Compton, L/C 15; Young 0; V. I. Smith, c Compton, L/C 0.

Extras (11 Leg-byes, 0 no balls) 19. Total 187.

All of wickets 4, 20, 58, 79, 119, 133, 141, 163, 187.

Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Moss	9	1	22	1
Warr	7	2	14	1
Titmus	24	8	54	5
Tilly	5	0	16	0
Young	18	3	62	3

Middlesex Second Innings: W. J. Edrich, not out 16; J. D. Robertson, not out 9; Extras (byes 1 legbyes 1) 2; Total (for no-wicket) 27.

Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Heine	7	4	13	0
Goddard	5	4	1 0	
Tayfield	5	3	9	0
Smith	3	2	2	0

—Reuter.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Aug. 29.

Major League baseball results today were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE (First Game)

Baltimore 6, Detroit 0; Philadelphia (5-10) and Cleveland (11-10), HR—Triandos (11th).

Boston at Kansas City, postponed, rain.

Second Game

Baltimore 7, Detroit 3; Philadelphia (11-10) and Cleveland (11-10), HR—Triandos (11th).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 1; Philadelphia (9), Gettel (7), Mackinson (7), Wright (8) and Sarni; Podres, Labine (7) and Cmpnnella, WP—Podres (9-9), LP—Pohl-sky (7-9).

Chicago 6, New York 4; Harker (11-13) and Chli; Hearn, Giel (4), Monzan (5), Grissom (8) and Knatt, P-Chli (10th, 11th), Lockman (13th), Fondy (15th) Baker (8).

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, night—United Press.

KCC Team For Floodlit Lawn Bowls Match

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly lawn bowls match under floodlights against the Hongkong Football Club on Thursday, September 1, at 8.30 p.m., on the HKFC green:

L. J. Naylor, H. A. Triggs, W. Gaffney, T. B. Baker (skip), C. T. Champover, (P. H. C. Tang, W. J. Howard (skip), A. C. Triggs, S. Y. Doe, D. C. Symons, W. Hong (skip), L. B. Scoulers, J. A. Maitland, S. Ramechand, J. N. Wong (skip), Miss C. Moosa, Mrs. H. Phoenix, Mrs. J. B. Scoulers, Mrs. W. Gaffney (skip), Mrs. J. E. Baker, Mrs. W. Hong (skip).

BILLY MARTIN

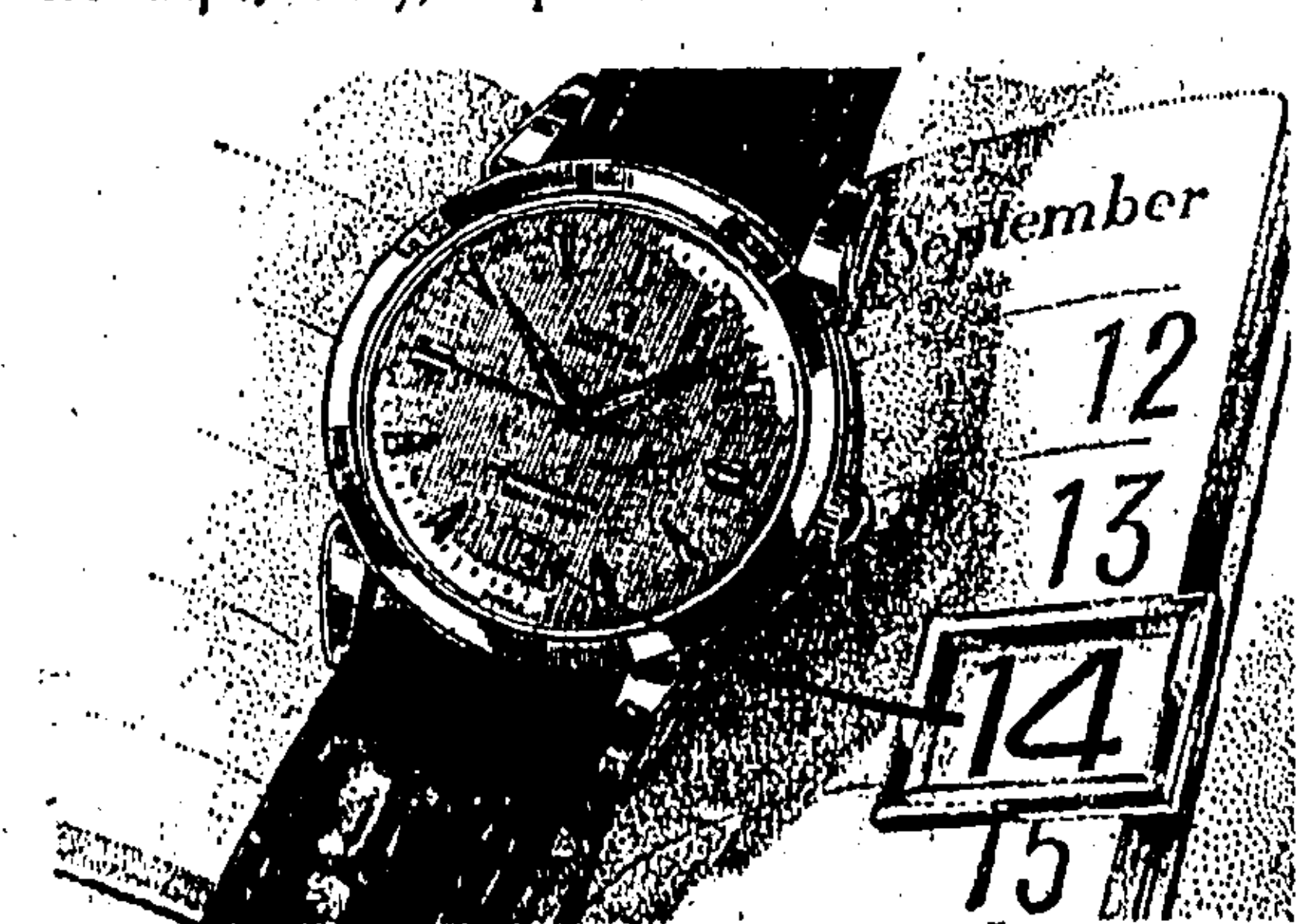
Fort Carson, Colorado, Aug. 29.

Billy Martin will rejoin the New York Yankees at Kansas City Tuesday on a 34-day Army leave. It was reported today—United Press.

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Surrey Are Having The Worst Of Their Match Against Hampshire

London, Aug. 29.

County Champions Surrey are having the worst of their match against Hampshire and were near following on today.

Only some spirited batting by spin bowlers Jim Laker and Tony Lock with a stand of 69 in 55 minutes saved them from that ignominy after seven wickets were down for 126 and 93 runs still needed to save the follow on.

Hampshire's opening pair then gave their side a good start to put the County 103 runs ahead and all wickets in hand.

B. D. Wells and F. P. McHugh with freights and pace bowling respectively bumbled Lancashire to defeat by Gloucestershire inside two days. During the match each took ten wickets, McHugh for 55 and Wells for 50.

Gamini Goonesena, the Ceylonese all-rounder, had much to do with Nottinghamshire taking first innings points from Essex, his 68 not out helping the side to a lead of 20 despite some fine bowling by Testite Trevor Bailey, five for 68.

At Bourne: Essex 191 and 112 for 3. Nottinghamshire 211 (Giles 55, Goonesena not out 66, Trevor Bailey, right-arm fast-medium, five for 68).

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THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Olympic Games Preparation Is Many Sided Task

The tasks that face the organisers of an Olympiad lack nothing in variety or interest, for the tastes, requirements and idiosyncracies of 5,000 athletes from 70 countries pose a thousand problems that must be faced and solved.

The provision of special elongated beds for seven-foot tall basketballers, a community steam-bath for 40 Russian athletes, skilled chefs to concoct the throat-scalding curries which mean so much in the diet of Indian hockey stars are all part of the day's work.

Yet these are only some of the detailed incidents of a huge plan which encompasses the construction of a brand-new town for 8,000 people, the management of the greatest ticket-selling organisation Australia has ever seen, and the building of the most spectacular multi-purpose sports centre in the southern hemisphere.

The Australian Olympic Organising Committee is spending £4,000,000 to provide as fine a spectacle as has been witnessed in the history of the modern Games—a spectacle to meet the exacting demands of the sports-conscious spectators who will come from within Australia and from overseas as well as the distinguished visitors, among whom will be His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, and Prince Axel of Denmark.

CLIMAX

These immense and complicated preparations will reach their climax on November 22, 1956.

On that day while the flags of the competing nations are fluttering from the mast-heads of the Main Stadium, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the Duke of Edinburgh will solemnly open the Games.

In the huge double and triple-deck encircling stands of this largest of all Olympic Stadiums, will be 110,000 people. On the five-acre green carpet of the MCC the pennants and national uniforms of 5,000 athletes from 70 countries will complete a picture of life in spirit yet sharp in contrast with the ancient festival of classical Greece.

Over the sixteen days that follow Olympic fever will grip the sporting world as the Champions rise and fall. But today the keynote is hard grind, as the massive Olympic machine gains momentum for the final great concentrated burst which will ensure success seventeen months hence.

The man with the Olympic answers is Lieut-General William Bridgeford, spirited, incisive Chief Executive Officer of the Olympic Organising Committee. Formerly Commander-in-Chief of the British Commonwealth Forces in Korea, General Bridgeford passionately believes in the worth of the Games, is firmly convinced that Melbourne will make a fine showing.

"These Games will put Australia on the map," he said, "they will bring us new prestige, increased migration, investments and trade."

"Melbourne's facilities will excite the admiration of the world. There has never been a Main Stadium as big or as good as the Melbourne Cricket Ground. No Olympic city has ever had a multi-purpose sports centre to rival Olympic Park, and certainly no Olympic city has ever had its sports centres in parkland within walking distance of the city."

SOLEMN PROMISE

"When we were awarded the Games by the International Olympic Committee in Rome,

Egyptian Wins Marathon Swim

St Nazaire, Aug. 28. Latif Abou Helif of Egypt, former winner of a Channel race, to-day won the Marathon de la Loire long distance swimming event here.

He covered the 40-kms course in the time of 9 hours, 32 minutes.

Denmark's Jensen placed second, 10 minutes behind the winner.

The third to finish was Inas Haid of Egypt, winner of the women's event. She had an unofficial time of 9 hours, 58 minutes for 34 kilometres, as the women's course was shortened by six kilometres. Another Egyptian girl, Gabry Vogel, finished fourth, 10 minutes later, and was placed second in the special women's event.—United Press.

In 1949, the then Prime Minister, Mr J. B. Chifley, gave a solemn promise on behalf of Australia that the 1956 Games would be staged in a magnificent manner. We are going to keep our national word of honour," General Bridgeford said.

In the meantime, here is an up-to-the-minute picture from General Bridgeford of Games plans and progress—

SWIMMING

The Swimming programme is attracting enormous interest. Thirty countries are expected to send swimmers, but there is a limited capacity of 5,500 in the magnificent new stadium now rapidly being built. Overseas quotas for the swimming, however, are not yet full.

It is true that three of the night sessions are black-booked. But on each of the other days and nights there still are seats.

Bookings at all overseas venues are available now for soccer, hockey, basketball, gymnastics weight-lifting, rowing, boxing and cycling, though seats are short for basketball and gymnastics.

There are three big construction centres—the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Olympic Park, and the Olympic Villages at Heidelberg, eight miles from the city.

At the MCG one old stand has been wrecked and in its place is rising a bulky triple-deck steel and concrete structure to seat 40,000 people. When this is completed in June, 1956, the Melbourne Cricket Ground will be the largest Olympic Stadium in the world.

Nearby is Olympic Park, which will be an eye-opener to Olympic visitors. Nothing like this multi-purpose sports centre has been seen in Australia before. With the unique swimming pool dominating the 25-acre site, the area will provide modern facilities for soccer, hockey, cycling, athletics, swimming and diving. Facilities for soccer, athletics and hockey are almost completed now.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

After the Games, Olympic Park will be the State's focal point for amateur athletics. For the first time Australia will be able to invite world-class athletes to perform under top-line conditions.

Olympic Village at Heidelberg will give us the biggest house-keeping job in the world. We will have to feed and house about 6,000 athletes and officials from more than 70 countries for about five weeks.

We are building about 700 homes to accommodate the athletes and more than 500 are on the way up now. Athletes from all over the world will live here—Australians and Argentines, Canadians and Chinese, Norwegians and Nigerians will all be in together.

At Helsinki, the Russians for instance were separated from the rest of the athletes. This will not happen in Melbourne. We believe our idea is more in keeping with the Olympic tradition of international friendship.

The Games will cost perhaps £A5,000,000. So far £A4,000,000 has been allocated by the contributing authorities—the Federal Government, the State Government and the Melbourne City Council. A submission is now being prepared for additional finance. Of the £A4,000,000 about £2,000,000 is being spent on the Olympic Village, about £1,250,000 on the construction of stadia, including Olympic Park, and about £750,000 on promotion.

GENERAL TEMPO

Good things have resulted from the visit of Mr Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee. Since his visit the Olympic organisation has been streamlined and the general tempo sharpened.

Recently in Paris, Mr Brundage and the International Olympic Committee gave Melbourne's preparations a unanimous vote of confidence, so everybody is happy now.

We expect about 5,000/6,000 athletes and officials from about

70 countries. So far 45 of the 83 countries invited to the Games have accepted.

They are: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Chile, Communist China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, West Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Malaya, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saar, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, the United States and Uruguay.

We expect one of the biggest teams of all time from Russia although they have not yet officially accepted our invitation. But the Russians have already entered the Olympic soccer competition and the yachting contests, so they will undoubtedly be here.

No difficulties. Over 500 expert interpreters have registered with the Organising Committee. They speak 42 languages including French, German, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Japanese and three dialects of Chinese. Interpreters will be stationed at Olympic Village, at Games venues and at central points throughout the city.

ACCOMMODATION

You won't have to sleep in the streets of Melbourne during the Games. Melbourne's Olympic Civic Committee promises a bed for every visitor. There won't be many luxury suites but Melbourne's citizens have already offered 10,000 beds in better-class homes for Olympic visitors.

Councillor Maurice A. Nathan, who heads the Olympic Civic Committee says that most of the accommodation offered is even better than visitors would get in hotels.

All rooms offered are graded by experts, and visitors will be sure of reasonable standards. They will pay from £1 to £1/10/- per person daily on a bed and breakfast basis. In this Melbourne is following the lead of Helsinki, during the 1952 Olympics, London during the Coronation and Edinburgh during the Festival period. These cities, like Melbourne, found their hotels unable to cope with a sudden influx of people and restored very successfully to private accommodation.

But if you are coming to the Games, apply now for accommodation. The Olympic Civic Committee cannot give promises to visitors who arrive unheralded a day or two before the Games.

A special information bureau will probably be established in the basement of the Melbourne Town Hall, according to Councillor Nathan. This will have city guides, Olympic Games entertainment and travel information, interpreter services and exhibitions of Australian life and industry.

Special tours are being organised to show visitors something of Victoria. Extra efforts are being made by city restaurants and hotels, and many church groups, social organisations and private citizens are organising temporary eating places for Games visitors.

This question will be examined in more detail later in the year. The Olympic Organising Committee is supervising eating arrangements at all the Games venues.

Besides the Games, visitors will have the choice of special open-air and indoor symphony concerts, chamber music recitals, opera, drama and stage shows, art sculpture and literature exhibitions. Melbourne is planning its own version of the Edinburgh Festival.

Famous artists now overseas are being invited to return to Australia for the occasion. The city itself will be brilliantly illuminated and decorated with a single Olympic motif highlighting this greatest sports festival ever held south of the Equator.

AN ANALYSIS OF BRITAIN'S SOCCER SLUMP

FORWARDS UNINSPIRED AND THE DEFENCE OVER-EMPHASISED

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Right back on our soccer heels—that's where Britain is after those defeats in Moscow and in Belfast—and I don't blame anyone for wondering what is wrong.

I can tell you what is wrong. Britain is losing her skill—and here are four reasons for the great slide:—

The Continentals have perfected their passing. With us it is a lost art. The scramble for League points is driving artistry out of the game.

Too much emphasis on defence has ruined our play... forwards have lost the spirit of adventure. Our players will not hold the ball.

Right those wrongs and then you can sit back and watch British football surge forward. The Continentals believe that possession is nine-tenths of the law, so they make sure they keep the ball.

There's nothing haphazard or hopeful in their kicking. They are masters, whether the pass is three yards or thirty. Men like Cowick, Puskas, and Kocsis hold the ball until they can give it right to a colleague. How many times do you see a player scrambling for a ball, in English football, simply because the pass has not been sent to his feet?

It is what we call a 50-50 ball. That's no use at all.

RIGHT NOW We must start right now to improve the accuracy of passing. Whether it be short or long.

They say that competition is the life blood of football. That may be so but I believe that the battle for points has robbed the game of much of its finer features.

Everything is sacrificed for those points.

"Stop the others from scoring and hope for the best" seems to be the motto and so the spectacle and skill goes out of the game.

Let us end all this. Why not alter the offside rule to encourage snappier and more adventurous forward play? Make it worthwhile to go on the attack and keep on the attack.

Goals make the game. Notice how thrilling a match becomes when five or six goals are scored.

Well, let us have the goals. Widen the goal posts if necessary. Let us do anything to bring back that old magic of British forward play.

And when will players begin to hold the ball again? We have been criticised since the war for holding on. We are told we are holding up the game.

Rubbish, just watch the Continentals and see how brilliant they are at holding the ball.

CROWDS AT FAULT The crowds are at fault here.

Like many club officials too, they howl when they see a player trying to play thoughtfully, ball-holding football. They want him to boot it first time.

You cannot play football by the book all the time. Every player has a different make-up. Personality players like Raich, Clacher, Hughes, Coadhead and Wilf Mannion did not learn from the book. They used their brains and their natural skill.

You cannot make a star player. You can coach him, help him, give the right form of training, but after all that, it is entirely up to the individual. We are short of good class players. So let's not ruin those few we find.

League Soccer Results

London, Aug. 29.
Association Football results.

LEAGUE DIVISION I	
Aston Villa	1 Sunderland
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Blackpool	3 Fulham
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West Ham U	0 Port Vale
LEAGUE III (SOUTH)	
Coventry City	3 Watford
Shrewsbury	0 Notts to City
LEAGUE III (NORTH)	
Bradford	3 Barrow
Hartlepool U	1 Workington
Tochendal	1 Accrington
Torquay City	2 Crewe A.

Two Horses Give Moore An Idea

North Adams, Mass., Aug. 29. Archie Moore asked to-day: "If Swaps and Nashua can race on a winner-take-all basis Wednesday, why can't Rocky Marciano and I fight on the same basis September 20?" Challenger Archie said he understood Rocky was favoured at 3-1 to beat him in Yankee Stadium. "If that's the case," he declared, "Rocky's certainly not object to fighting winner-take-all. I'd sign a new contract for that to-morrow."

Despite a chilly 89 degrees, Moore sparred outdoors in Glovers' Bowl as usual to-day. He worked four rounds.—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Liberation Shield: KBGC v KCC. 3rd Division League: POC v HKFC.

TOMORROW

Swimming: Colony Swimming Championships heats at EYMCA, 3 p.m.

Boxing: Colonies close for "Gutteries Shield."

THURSDAY

Boxing: Colony Open Pairs quarter-final at KUDC.

Ladies' Open Singles 1st round matches at: PNC, KBGC, USRC, HKFC, CCG and KDC.

Swimming: Colony Swimming Championships heats at EYMCA, 3 p.m.

Golf: Deep Water Bay, Bogey Competition.

GERMAN BOXER KO'D IN FIRST ROUND

Gothenburg, Sweden, Aug. 28. Ingemar Johansson, fourth ranked on the Ring's Continental list, to-night knocked out third-ranked former European Champion Helm Ten Hoff, Germany, after 80 seconds in the first round.

The fight was scheduled for eight rounds.—United Press.

Substantial

Prize For Any Plucky Swimmer

London, Aug. 28. A committee of the inhabitants of the Channel Islands of Guernsey have offered a "substantial" prize to any swimmer who can cover the stretch of sea between Guernsey and Jersey, it was announced to-day.

The distance is equivalent to an English Channel crossing between Dover and Cap Gris-Nez, but until now, although several people from the Channel Islands have tried, no one has managed to make the distance.

The reason is the strong currents which flow between the islands.

The committee has offered free lodging, pilots and training facilities to any would-be prize-winner.

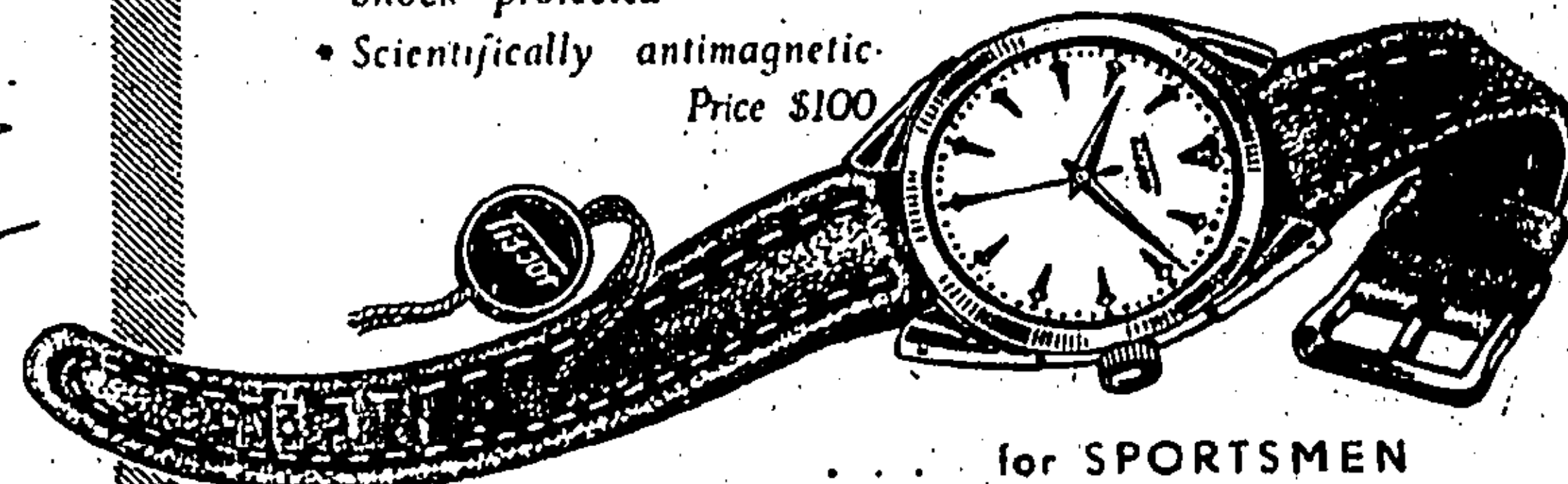
The crossing from Jersey to Guernsey, that is, in the opposite direction, has been done several times.—France-Press.

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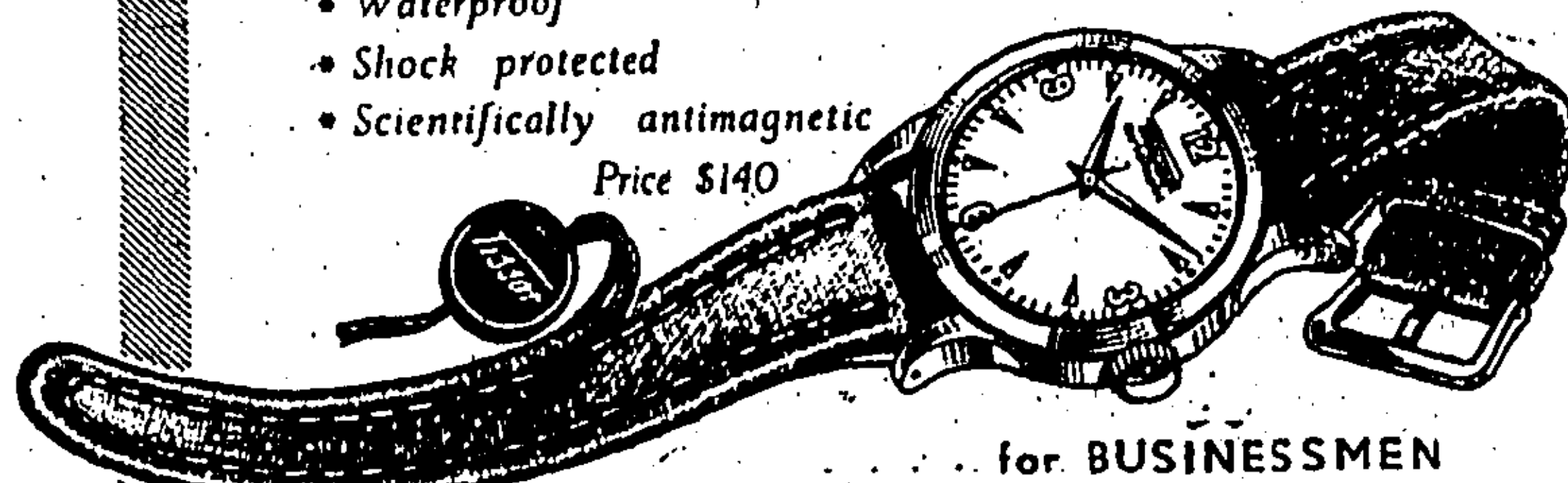
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Rolls-Royce Limited announce that a Conway aero engine has completed a British Government type-test at 13,000 lb. thrust. Incorporating the by-pass principle, the Conway has the lowest specific fuel consumption of any type-tested jet engine. One of the aircraft it will power is the four engined Vickers V.1000 military transport.

The by-pass engine resembles the normal jet engine, but has an additional duct through which some of the air from the compressor by-passes the combustion chambers and re-enters the jet stream aft of the turbine.

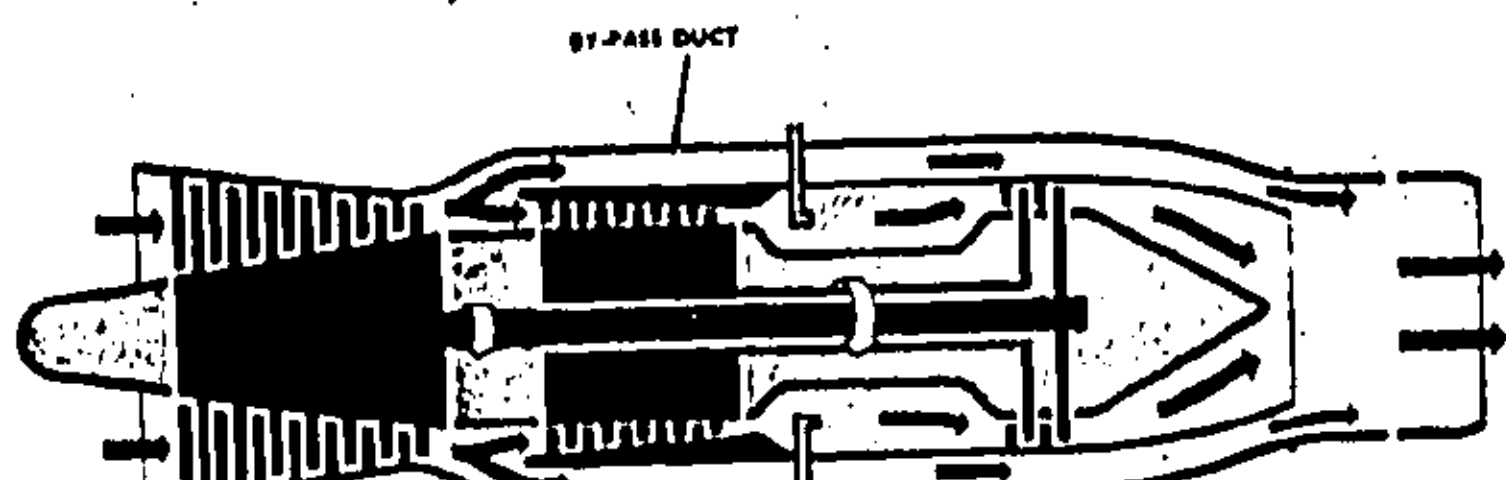


Diagram of a jet engine incorporating the by-pass principle. Rolls-Royce.

The advantage of this type of engine over straight jet propulsion is that although the by-pass engine works at a high pressure ratio giving high thermal efficiency, it also produces by means of the by-pass, a large mass of air moving at a lower speed which gives a higher propulsive efficiency. The result of this arrangement is to improve the specific fuel consumption thus making it particularly suitable for future large long-range civil airliners.

The lower jet velocity in conjunction with the latest form of Rolls-Royce jet nozzle will help to reduce jet noise, one of the most serious civil aviation problems of today. Installation and fire protection are also assisted by the duct of cool air which surrounds the hot parts of the engine.

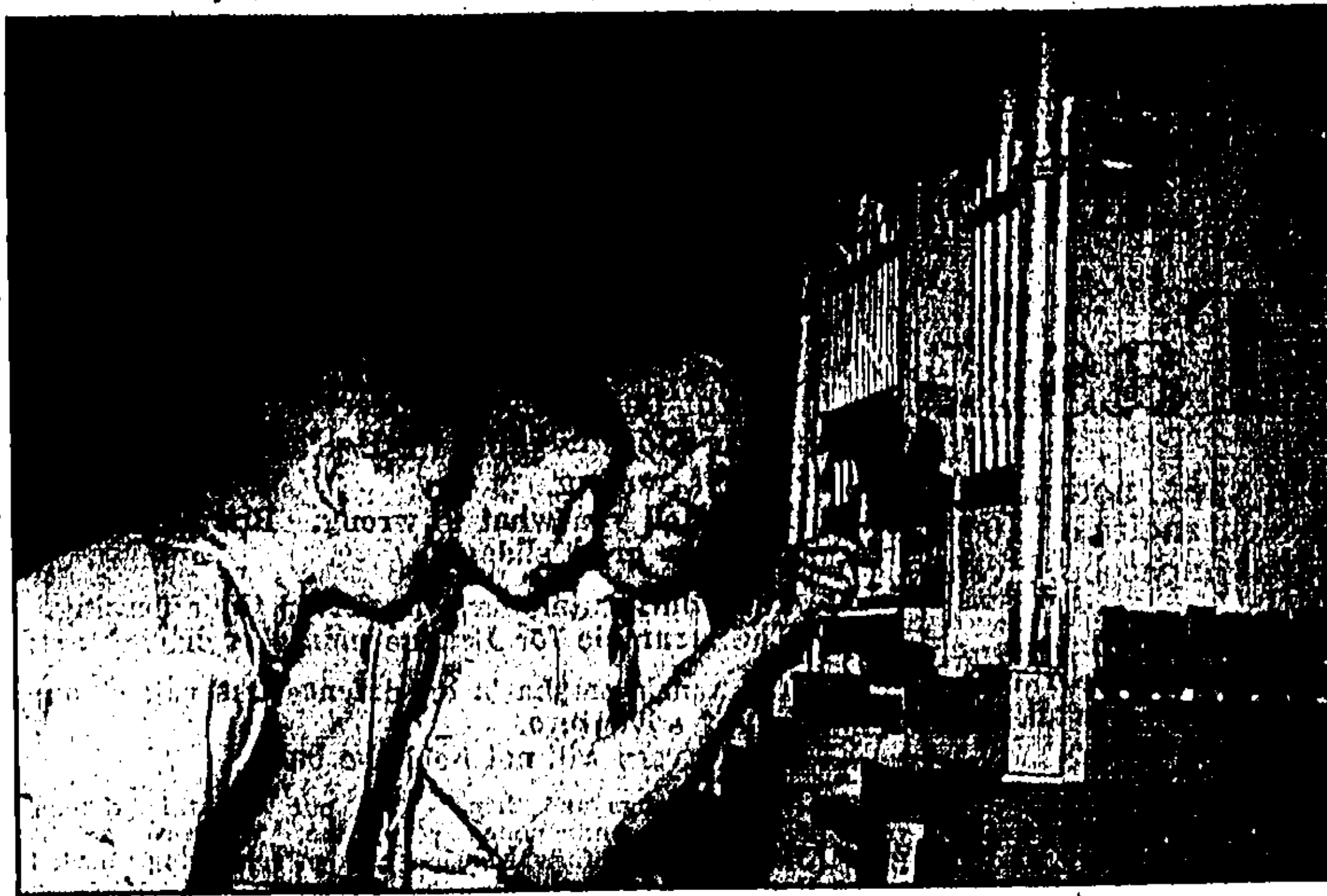
Into the Conway has been built the experience Rolls-Royce have accumulated in the manufacture of turbo-jet and propeller-turbine engines which are in service all over the world.

Shop Window
The SBAC Flying Display and Exhibition, "Shop window" of the British Aircraft Industry, is designed primarily to show the world what the industry has to sell.

Naturally, the immediately spectacular exhibits are the most recent products, and these possess perhaps the greatest appeal to the layman. But on the private trade days most of the Society's guests are concerned mainly with the aircraft, engines and equipment available for sale. Review of the British aircraft now in quantity production and to be shown this year shows clearly that the majority of them have already been adopted overseas.

Taking military trainers first, the Provost, Albat, Vampire Trainer and Chipmunk on view at the Display represent four of seven types of British trainer in service in 30 countries. All types of training aircraft used by the Royal Air Force, from the Provost basic trainer to the Canberra T.4 jet operational trainer, are available for export. Jet fighters, jet bombers, transports and helicopters have been booked for export; considerable numbers have been delivered and are in service. One of the first aircraft to perform at the Display, the Canberra T.4, has been ordered by the Navy, Canberras are in service in Venezuela and Shackletons have been ordered by South Africa. Six countries have adopted the Venom as standard equipment.

Various marks of Hunter swept-wing fighter aircraft have been ordered for overseas NATO air forces to the value of £65 million; delivery is to be completed by the end of 1955. British commercial aircraft are in service overseas by the hundred. Pride of place must go to the Dove, more than 500 of which are in service in some 40 countries. Ninety Herons have been sold abroad. Other piston engined aircraft on view that have found favour overseas



BRITAIN LIFTS BAN ON DOVER - CALAIS TUNNEL

London, Aug. 29.
The British Government no longer objects to the building of a tunnel under the channel between Britain and France, Lord Derlanger told the Channel Tunnel Company today.

Lord Derlanger, who is chairman of the company, said he based his opinion on a statement made by the Foreign Secretary Mr. Harold Macmillan earlier this year.

In reply to a Commons question, Mr. Macmillan said the British Government now saw "scarcely" any strategic objections to building the tunnel.

The remaining objection, Lord Derlanger said, was the cost of the project estimated by the British Government at £80,000,000.—France-Press.

Filling the hall with music in this model church organ on show at the Model Engineer Exhibition at the New Horticultural Hall in Westminster. The man who made it, a leather worker from Brighton, is shown demonstrating it to two young admirers.—Reuterphoto.

Too Much Prosperity

Winnipeg, Aug. 29.
Sir Charles Goodbye, Director of the British Iron and Steel Research Association, said here the only trouble Britain seemed to be suffering from today was "too much prosperity."

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to find the men to do the many jobs that have to be done," he said in an interview with Canadian reporters during a visit here.

Sir Charles Goodbye said on the whole management-labour relations had been good, but there were "bad patches" developed by radical trade unionists taking advantage of good times.—China Mail Special.

City Fathers Pleased With Russia

Moscow, Aug. 29.
Members of the Birmingham City Council left Moscow for home by air today after a 10-day visit to the Soviet Union.

In a short farewell speech the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman Arthur Gibson, said: "We were received in a very friendly fashion everywhere in the Soviet Union and we are sorry to leave this great friendly country."

"We wish all the best to all in the Soviet Union and to all the friends we have made here."

During their tour the delegation paid a visit to the Birmingham of Russia, the large industrial town of Sverdlovsk, in the Urals.—China Mail Special.

Mechanical Nurses Watch St Mark's Tower

Venice, Aug. 29.
Six mechanical "nurses" have been given the task of watching over Venice's most illustrious patient—the 99-metre (324-foot) high Campanile (Bell Tower) of St Mark, which dominates the city.

During inspections lasting nine months, thin cracks were found in the foundations of the Tower. To avoid a repetition of the 1902 disaster, when the original 12th century tower collapsed with a roar, the city engineers have prepared six precision instruments which will record the slightest movement in its foundations.

The instruments have been placed in six wells bored round the base of the tower and covered with reinforced concrete lids which, while easily removable to allow the engineers to check the instruments, are yet invisible to the thousands of visitors, Italian and foreign, who crowd the great Piazza San Marco.

At the same time, the foundations of the tower have been strengthened with injections of concrete.

The city authorities, too, have given another coat of gold to the three-metre (ten-foot) high statue of an angel with spreading wings which looks out over the lagoon from the summit. To rigidify this angel and inspect the tapering, upper part of the tower, a turban-like wood and metal cage was erected round the top.

Searchlight
This was removed recently and the full glory of the statue was revealed again to the people of Venice. The city's 73-year-old Patriarch, Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, took the lift to the top of the tower to bless the angel and the people.

Now, a searchlight plays on the statue at night for the benefit of the population and tourists, as well as fishermen, for whom the illuminated figure serves as a useful landmark.

The Campanile (Bell Tower) of St Mark stands on its own in the south-eastern corner of the world famous Piazza facing the Venetian lagoon. Once, its bells used to toll solemnly to call the faithful to worship in the lovely Byzantine Basilica of San Marco, built a hundred years before the tower. Now, the bells are used sparingly to avoid harmful vibrations.

Marble Piazza
The Basilica rises to the right, facing inland, and slightly in front of the Tower. Directly to the right lies the great Gothic, Renaissance Palace of the Doges, first built in the 9th century and after being damaged by successive fires, restored in the 15th and 16th centuries.

To the left of the tower lies the marble Piazza of San Marco, which Venetians call "The World's Biggest Salon."

On July 14, 1902, the tower crumbled—luckily, on its left-hand side. The Basilica and the Doges' Palace were undamaged, but the Piazza was covered with debris.

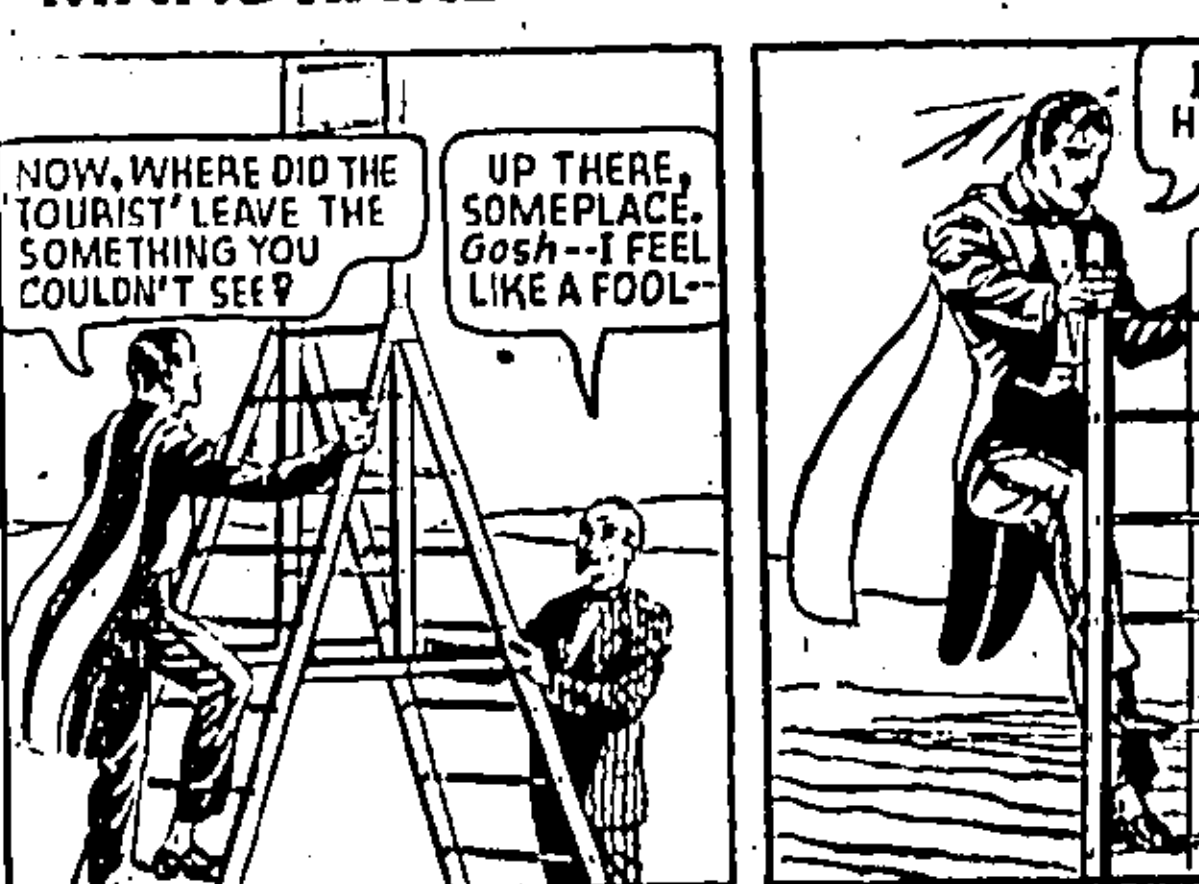
The lamentations of the Venetians were still a new tower, an exact replica of the original, rose on the same site. Now, half a century later, signs are visible that the builders made one big mistake. The foundations of the new tower were not perfectly fused with the old. The result is the recently discovered fractures.

The engineers say that there is no danger of another collapse. Nevertheless, the delicate instruments will keep day and night vigil beside the Tower—just in case.

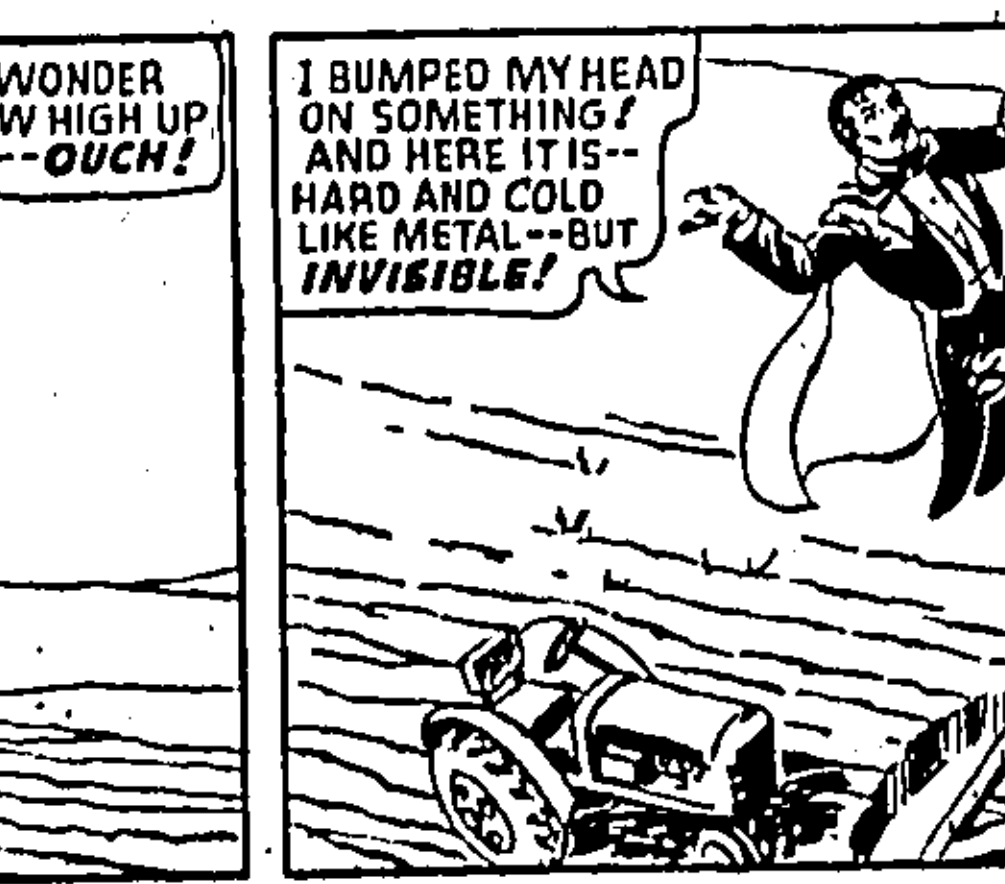
The happiest man when the inspection and other work was finished was Signor Pietro Micheli, the octogenarian who supervised the rebuilding of the statue. Micheli, one of the last of Venice's long line of world-renowned elders, also gave the statue its first coat of gold 53 years ago.

"It was my greatest ambition to work again on the statue," he said, "and I am immensely glad that I lived to do so."

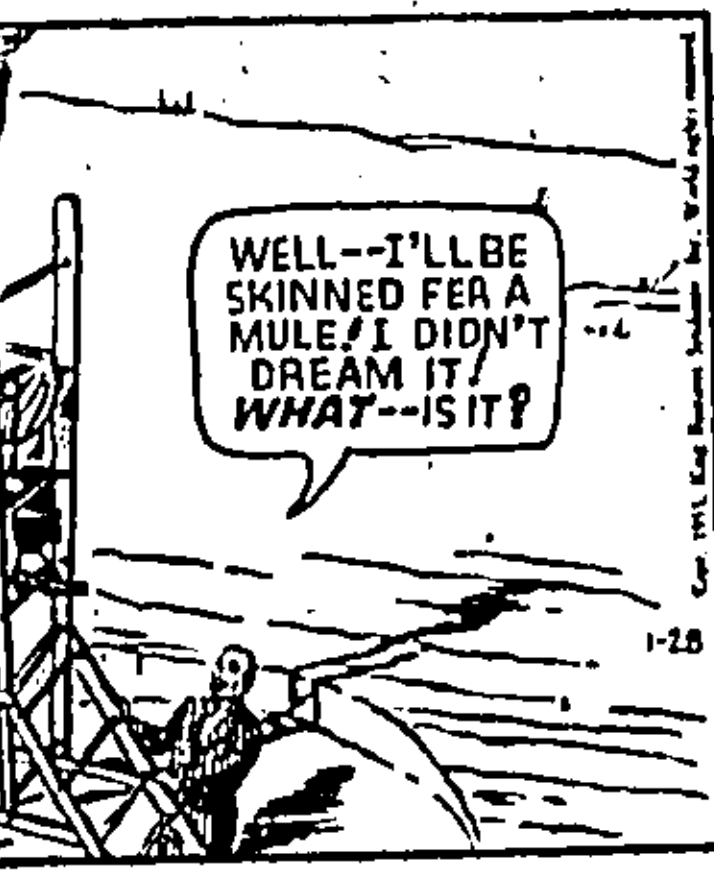
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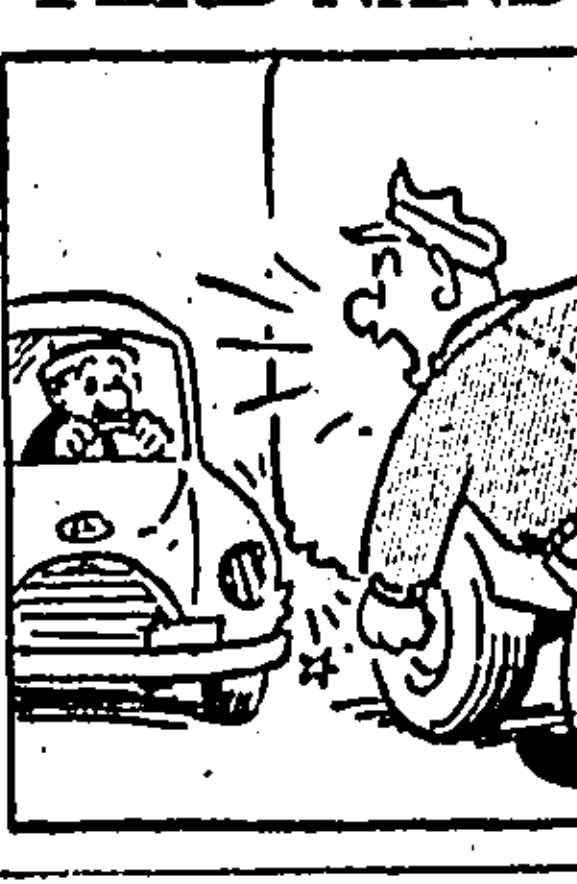
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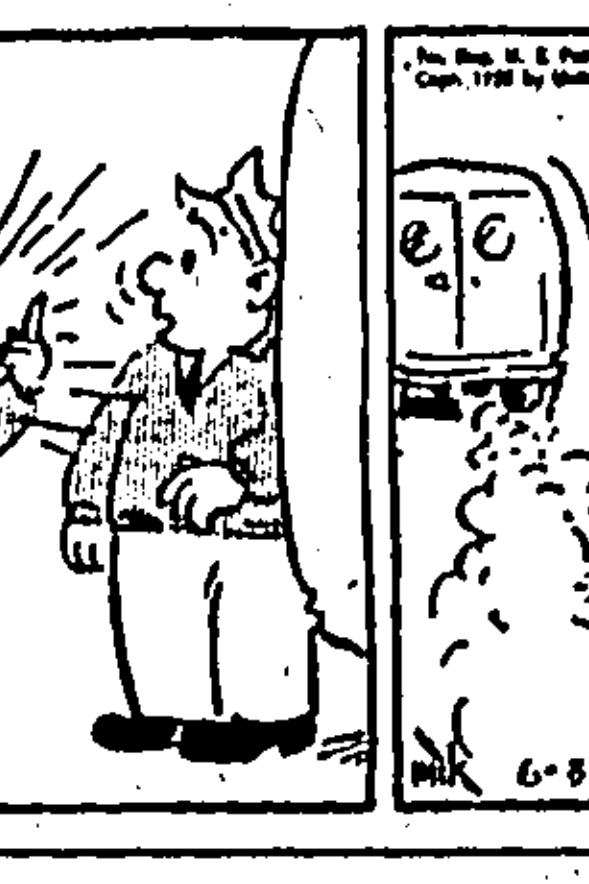
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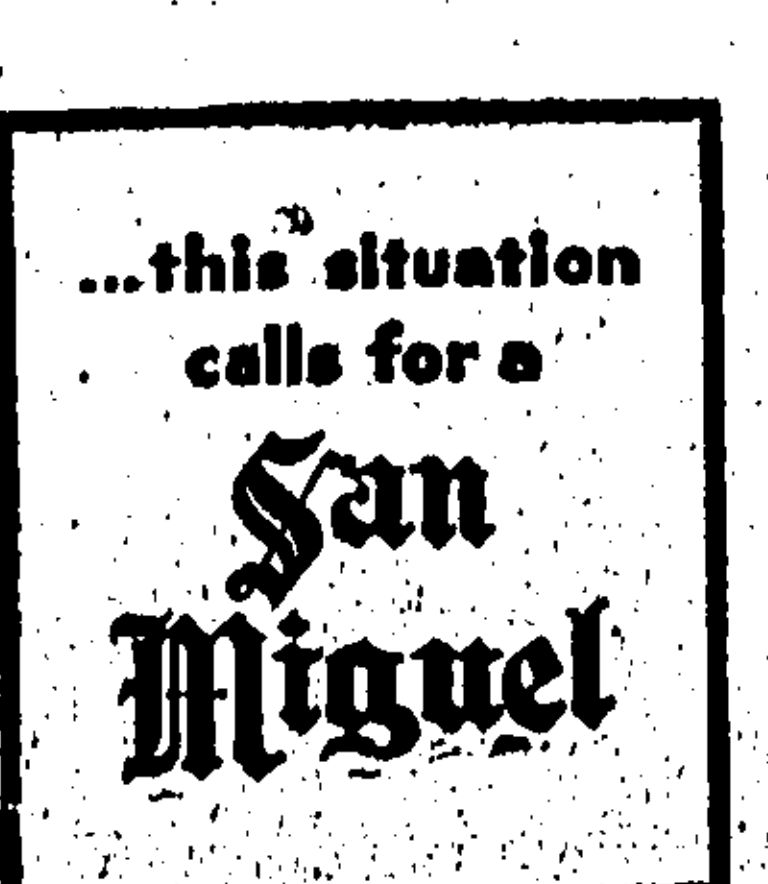
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H.K.T. 1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Special Announcements. 2.30 p.m. Folk Songs from the British Isles. Kathleen Ferrier (cont.). 3.45 p.m. Murray Dickie (cont.). 4.15 p.m. On Parade: Duke Ellington and his Famous Orchestra. 5.30 p.m. Mario Lanza sings: The Spectacular Play for Radio. 6.15 p.m. Radio from the novel by David I. Goodson. Produced by David I. Goodson. (BBC): 6.30 p.m. Evergreens in Variety. 6.45 p.m. Summary and Program. 7.00 p.m. BBC Bandstand. Central Band of the Royal Air Force. Conductor: Wing Commander J. E. Sims. O.B. (BBC): 7.30 p.m. "First Hearing" presented by Alex Barker. Studio 1. Sunday Serenade. 7.50 p.m. Le Grand Heure Française. Presentation de M. Laverne. 8.15 p.m. At the Ballet. Play for Radio. (Studio): 8.55 p.m. Weather Report. 9.00 p.m. Time Signal and The News (London Relay). 9.15 p.m. Special Announcements. 9.30 p.m. Folk Songs of Western music. 9.45 p.m. Favourites (London Relay). 10.00 p.m. Musical Notebook presented by Gerard Manley (BBC): 10.00 p.m. Great Continuations. 10.15 p.m. At the Ballet. The Bronze Horseman (Giles). 10.30 p.m. Weather Report. 11.00 p.m. Radio News Report (London Relay). 11.00 p.m. Goodnight. Music: God Save The Queen. 11.30 p.m. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

1 p.m. Time signal in the Continental manner. Herbert Soller (Piano) With Rhythm Accompaniment. 1.15 p.m. News, weather, report and special announcements. 2.30 p.m. Lunchtime music. 2.45 p.m. Variety. 3.00 p.m. Variety. 3.15 p.m. Variety. 3.30 p.m. Variety. 3.45 p.m. Variety. 4.00 p.m. Variety. 4.15 p.m. Variety. 4.30 p.m. Variety. 4.45 p.m. Variety. 5.00 p.m. Variety. 5.15 p.m. Variety. 5.30 p.m. Variety. 5.45 p.m. Variety. 6.00 p.m. Variety. 6.15 p.m. Variety. 6.30 p.m. Variety. 6.45 p.m. Variety. 7.00 p.m. Variety. 7.15 p.m. Variety. 7.30 p.m. Variety. 7.45 p.m. Variety. 8.00 p.m. Variety. 8.15 p.m. Variety. 8.30 p.m. Variety. 8.45 p.m. Variety. 9.00 p.m. Variety. 9.15 p.m. Variety. 9.30 p.m. Variety. 9.45 p.m. Variety. 10.00 p.m. Variety. 10.15 p.m. Variety. 10.30 p.m. Variety. 10.45 p.m. Variety. 11.00 p.m. Variety. 11.15 p.m. Variety. 11.30 p.m. Variety. 11.45 p.m. Variety. 12.00 p.m. Variety. 12.15 p.m. Variety. 12.30 p.m. Variety. 12.45 p.m. Variety. 1.00 p.m. Variety. 1.15 p.m. Variety. 1.30 p.m. Variety. 1.45 p.m. 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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

AMERICAN ECONOMY

Rebuilding Northeast States Will Require Nation's Steel

By John Morka

New York, Aug. 29.

Business was booming as usual in most of the United States last week.

However, in the industrial northeast operations were in many cases at a virtual standstill as city, state, and federal agencies grappled with the tremendous job of rebuilding hurricane-wrecked plants and cities.

COPPER PRICES JUMP

London, Aug. 29. Copper prices rose sharply on the Metal Exchange today when reports of labour unrest in Chile touched off a broader demand for delivery in the first quarter of next year.

Closing prices were up 2 1/2% with sales of 650 tons. Spot copper closed with buyers at £393 and sellers at £394; three months buyers £386 and sellers £387 1/2 a ton.

Tin closed off 1/4 to 1 1/2 with sales of 115 tons. Spot in closed with buyers at £746 1/2 and sellers £747; three months at £745 and £747 buyers and sellers respectively.

Lead closed unchanged to up 1/4 with sales of 575 tons. August closed with buyers at £107 and sellers £107 1/2; November buyers £106 1/2 and sellers £106 1/4 a ton.

Zinc closed up 1/4 to 1 1/2 with sales of 250 tons. August closed with buyers at £290 1/2 and sellers £290 3/4; November buyers £290 and sellers £290 a ton.—United Press.

Chicago Grain Market

Chicago, Aug. 29. Active selling and hedging, limited demand, and reports of rainfall over the grain belt combined to put futures lower on the Board of Trade today.

Corn, rye and soybeans futures showed the heaviest losses.

Larger receipts of grain at terminal markets today spurred red hedging activities, dealers said.

Export business was limited to small sales of US corn and soybeans to the Continent and corn to the United Kingdom during the weekend.

Domestic flour demand also was slow. Sales by southern mills during the last week were estimated at about 60 per cent of capacity, spring wheat flour sales at about 50 per cent, and soft wheat flour sales at 75 per cent, grain merchants said.

Wheat closed off 1/4 to two cents; soybeans (old) off 3/4 to 1/2 cents; soybeans (new) off 3/4 to 1/2 cents.

GRAIN PRICES

Wheat No. 2 red		
Spot	102 1/2	101 1/2
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Dec.	102 1/2	101 1/2
Jan.	102 1/2	101 1/2
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Corn	130 1/2	130 1/2
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SIR ANTHONY'S HIDE-OUT



Now they call it
Chequers... where the
Premier takes his
breakfasts in the sun
and his wife believes
in letting the rose-
bushes grow

It is a small thatched cottage in a small Wiltshire village, but the people of Broadchalke (pop. 661) are calling it "Chequers." For last week-end, when the BBC announced that the Prime Minister had gone to Chequers, Sir Anthony was walking in the cottage garden at Broadchalke.

The Prime Minister's country hideaway, officially named Rose Bower, is a three-bedroomed cottage, with rose-washed walls covered by rambling roses, flowering clematis winding up to the chimney-pot, and a tiny quarter-acre garden.

Before it became the second Chequers, the villagers knew it as "Clarissa's cottage," for Lady Eden bought it six and a half years ago, before her marriage, for more than £3,000.

Bright wallpapers

She decided to change it over from oil lamps to electricity, disliked a roof which was part-slate-part thatch and had the whole roof thatched, and planned the re-decorating indoors with bright wallpapers, white woodwork and green carpeting. Said one of the decorators: "Clarissa did a lot of the painting herself. She's a great one for work."

Now the cottage is one place where Sir Anthony can relax. The villagers never intrude.



The warning sign 'No Through Road' secures the privacy of the Eden cottage
The Prime Minister's Neighbours



Cardener Gerald Stacey, cook Mrs. Stacey, and daughter Ruby, who knitted the PM two jerseys.

with their five-year-old golden Labrador, Bessie. Sometimes they do a little weeding in the garden. Occasionally there is a mild dispute about that garden between Lady Eden and gardener Gerald Stacey, who lives in the cottage next door. "I'm a great one for cutting back," he told a friend, "but Lady Eden, she won't have it. I reckon that rose bush at

other country wife, she telephones her neighbour and borrows.

She seldom entertains at the cottage. The only guests in recent times, apart from Sir Anthony's son, Nicholas, have been the Marquess of Salisbury and Mr. Herbert Morrison.

Unlike another neighbour, Mr. Cecil Beaton, the Edens take no part in the community life, though they sometimes go to the Church of All Saints on Sunday mornings — where they end up signing autographs.

But the villagers don't mind. Of Sir Anthony, they say: "He's a friendly chap. Always waves when he goes by in the car." And of Lady Eden, seldom called anything but Clarissa: "She's a proper Churchill, and she has the temper, too."

They try to see that the two prime villagers have everything they want. When the Edens came back to town, Sir Anthony had a new jersey in bottle-green wool. It was knitted for him by 24-year-old Ruby Stacey, the neighbours' daughter, the second she has done for him, and she worked all day on Friday to finish it in time.

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Mr Hope Goes Straight SO THE GAG-WRITERS (AND MR CROSBY) ARE LEFT BEHIND

BOB HOPE is coming to Pinewood to make his first British film which could be called (but isn't) *The Road from Moscow*.

He will be travelling light — without his usual gaggle of gag-writers. He will be accompanied only by his masseur.

Crosby and Lamour, his fellow-travellers along those profitable roads of the past — the last of which turned out to be a cul-de-sac — will be left behind in America.

A PARTNER

Instead of a dusky cutie in a South Seas sarong Mr Hope will have as a partner in his new film a dialectical Comrade in Soviet jack-boots. Instead of Dorothy Lamour, they are giving him Katharine Hepburn.

Instead of Bing Crosby in a toupee, they may give him, by way of a competitor, Alec Guinness with a Russian hair-cut.

All this is part of a daring plan to put over Hope as a straight comedy actor.

In this new film, temporarily called *Not for Money*, there will be no slapstick, no clowning, no nonsense. You will appreciate what an unusual role it is for Hope, when I tell you that the actors originally considered for



Instead of dusky Dorothy Lamour... Katharine Hepburn

SHOW TALK

by THOMAS WISEMAN

It were William Holden, Cary Grant and James Stewart.

Then Hope, who was determined to go straight, expressed his interest. Producer Betty Box and director Ralph Thomas flew to America to discuss the film with him.

They are now back in London. They report to me that Hope was so overwhelmed at the prospect of starring with Katharine Hepburn that he even forgot to

wisecrack. "It is like acting with Garbo," he said. It occurred to me that Hope might be getting his own back on Bing for going legitimate in *The Country Girl* and nearly winning an Oscar.

I have read the film story and it looks to me like a winner. It is a political satire with Hope playing a captain in the psychological warfare division of the United States army in Ger-

many. Miss Hepburn is a Russian woman pilot who comes down in the Western zone.

It is a variation on the Ninotchka theme. Hope tries to convert her to American democracy; she tries to convert him to Russian Communism. The story, very democratically, makes fun of Russian, British and American foibles. And Hope and Hepburn fall in love, thus hotting-up the cold war.

She says to him: "Come with me to the Kremlin."

TO THE PENTAGON

He says to her: "Come with me to the Pentagon."

In the end they achieve peaceful co-existence on unspecified neutral territory.

Hope will have to sacrifice more remunerative television jobs to do this film. In America he sometimes earns £600 a minute on TV. He will not earn £600 a minute at Pinewood.

But while he is here, he will film two one-hour television shows to be shipped back. So he will not starve.

A GREAT GIFT

Says Ralph Thomas of his plan to transform Hope: "He has a beautiful speaking voice and a great gift for arousing sympathy. In this film he will play a love scene in earnest for the first time. Without clowning. I think the new Bob Hope will surprise everyone."

Footnote.—Katharine Hepburn is looking for a Petruchio to tame her in the film version of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Mr Hope?

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Son, the first thing for you to settle with your bride is who's boss — no use kidding yourself!"

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FROM OUR FILES

To the Editor of the "China Mail"
Hongkong, 20th August, 1855.

Sir,—The late Rains and the unaltered state of the Parade Ground induce me to call your attention to my letter in your issue of 16th June, 1854. The Lieutenant Governor did nothing about the Road from the Boat-house to the Barracks of the 59th Regiment,—do you think the Governor would give it a thought?

I assure you that, the other day, when obliged to pass, I found it as deeply flooded as it was when I had to attend drill twelve months ago. — Yours

SAMUEL GULLIVER,
Late of the Hongkong Volunteers.

COLONIAL REFORMS

A correspondent three weeks ago referred to the Colonial reforms expected from Sir John Bowring. We do not profess to know how far they have advanced; but believe the announcement in the *China Mail* a year ago, that the Home Government contemplated the introduction of municipal institutions, was substantially correct; and when we expressed confidence in the plan being carried out by Sir John Bowring, we saw no reason to doubt that he would credit so favourable an opportunity of practically evin-

100 YEARS AGO

ding faith in his own dogmas government, by entrusting the people who have a stake in the colony with the management of its affairs. And we were the more confirmed in this impression when we heard on all hands that Sir John Bowring expressed his anxiety and determination to inaugurate a system in conformity with the antecedents of his political life.

NO EXCUSE

Up to this time, however, it is not known that anything whatever has been done "to place matters on a proper footing;" and though inaction with an unpalatable duty was natural enough as long as the Government was administered by officers who never were distinguished as reformers, since that impediment has been got over, and Sir John Bowring's authority as Governor de facto been fully recognized, there is no excuse for further procrastinating a matter which his parliamentary career must have made him familiar, and which he cannot but feel has been snuffed off a great deal too long. There is an impression—how originated we cannot say—that a scheme, having reference to the Legislative Council and wholly pretermitted the more practically important matter of a municipality, has been concocted and sent home for approval; but, curious enough, instead of being the production of Sir John Bowring, he is

merely the drynurse of a very riotous ranting "raised" among the old hands who sit in council with him. That there is something creditable about it, is evident from the secrecy in which it is veiled.

SUBMISSIVE J.P.'s

If the scheme were at all likely to be palatable to the persons most interested in the success of the colony, but allowed no say in its administration, the substance at least would have been made known to them. But a Government, that, in defiance of instructions from the Colonial Office, and the recommendation of a Committee of Parliament, continues to pass its Ordinances without first publishing draft copies, is not likely to take much account of the community in framing a constitution; which, if it may be safely predicted, reserves the making and administering of laws to the government officials and its nominees; perhaps enlarging its Legislative Council by the admission of one or two more justices of the Peace, whose recommendation is not interest in the Colony, but subservience to the government, and being on Governor's dinner-list; taking care, however, that even such virtual nominees shall be in a minority, lest they might at any time carry a popular measure, or what would be equally disastrous, determine to make the deliberations of the Council open to the public.

THEY STUDY THE SECRETS OF THE SEVEN SEAS

FROM the handsome houses whose grounds border a lane deep in Surrey, men set out in the mornings to work in the City, 40 miles away. Mingling with them, some mornings, are men you might take for commuters like the rest, but who may have appointments to keep, not in London, but in Antarctica, or mid-Atlantic, or in the Azores.

They are scientists—chemists, biologists, physicists, mathematicians—from the National Institute of Oceanography, whose red-brick, factory-like headquarters, miles from the sea, rise stark and sudden on a hill-top at Wormley, near Godalming.

Here, a staff of just over 50 study the oceans of the world from the point of view of defence (the undersea currents, submarines may encounter, for instance, or the waves landing-craft may meet), of fisheries, navigation, coastal engineering, meteorology and submarine biology.

£121,000 a year

But the scientists busy over their books and papers and surrounded by their elaborate laboratory equipment here today, may tomorrow set off to join a whaling ship bound for the Southern Ocean, or to sail in the Institute's own ship, *Discovery II*, on one of her eight or nine-a-year voyages of research.

The Institute came into being in 1946, and is run on British

and Empire grants that total £121,000 a year.

"That sounds a lot of money," said the Institute's Director, Dr George Deacon, "but money vanishes like smoke when you run an ocean-going ship." (*Discovery II* costs £200 a day when she is at sea.)

The unknown

"Apart from the tides," he said, "no one had really studied the sea scientifically until quite recently, except as a kind of 'wet geography'."

"Now it is accepted that if more was known of the physics, say, or the biology of the sea, we should be able to make better use of it."

Dr Deacon, a tall, business-like man of 49, whose own science was originally chemistry, and who has sailed many thousands of miles over the oceans in the cause of research, signed and said: "The trouble about the sea as an object of study is that there is so much water."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hongkong Volunteer Memorial Fund

Sir,—This is the Tenth Anniversary of Liberation Day. A no more suitable occasion could present itself to bring to the attention of the public the aims of the Committee of the Hongkong Volunteer Memorial Fund. For some considerable time it has been felt, and these feelings have been voiced, that the people of this Colony would wish we have some permanent memorial dedicated to those members of its own Armed and Auxiliary Forces who laid down their lives in the defence of Hongkong. Although there are a number of monuments and memorials, there is nothing that the people of this Colony, and the generations to come, can associate directly with the effort and sacrifice of their own forces, the "Volunteers". This force comprised men and women of many races and creeds. Their blood was mingled in the soil of the land which they had made their home.

The Committee have carefully considered how best to interpret, and translate into action, the possible wishes of the community as a whole. Government has been approached and has been most co-operative and anxious to help. It is hoped that the Memorial will take the form of a Garden of Remembrance, in the centre of the City. In addition to this it is hoped that our funds will be adequate to associate the Memorial with some Government welfare scheme, where its name will be perpetuated, and which will assist both the veterans and the dependents of those who laid down their lives.

Just how much can be done will depend upon the response to the appeals which will be launched shortly through the Press and by Radio. These appeals will go out not only to the people of Hongkong but to the people of Malaya, the United Kingdom and wherever this community of ours may have drifted.

Here will be the golden opportunity for men and women of all races and creeds in the Colony, and beyond, to pay tribute, in a tangible form, to those who died in order that their land might be fairer. Here will be the opportunity to prove that they have no lack of civic pride and that they have retained that strong sense of duty which has already carried them through adversity.

His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, has graciously consented to be the Patron of the Hongkong Volunteer Memorial Fund. While he is the Honorary Commandant General of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, his love of Hongkong, and his willingness to remain on the island with us. It is a pleasure to feel that he will still be with us when our plans reach maturity.

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